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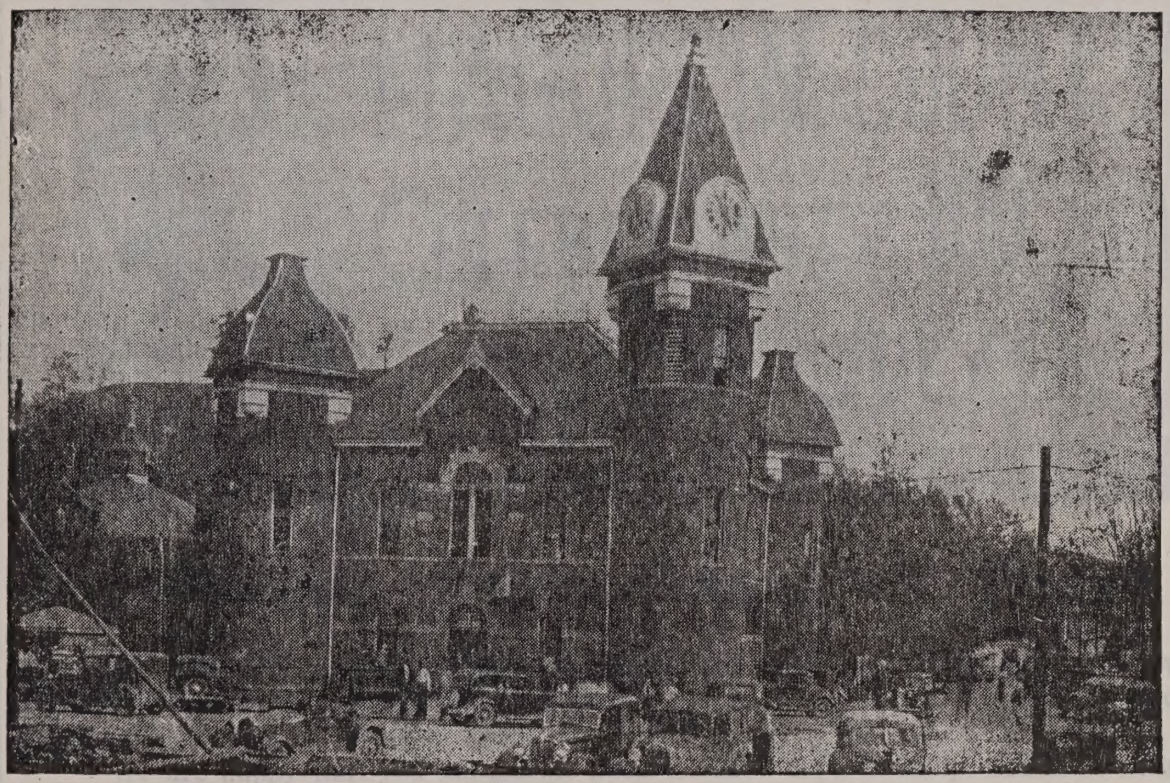

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"When Homer smote his bloomin' lyre
He'd heard men sing on land and sea;
And what he thought he'd most desire
He went and took—the same as me."
—Old Quotation.

Kentucky, according to history, was known as "the dark and bloody ground". It was in Kentucky that the Indians hunted and fought other tribes, and resisted the efforts of the white settlers to take over their "happy hunting ground". Arrowheads found on many farms in Magoffin county prove that Indians hunted and fought here, and these arrow and spearheads, picked up together with musket or "minnie" balls, indicate that there was a constant struggle between the Indians and the pioneers.

Dr. Thomas Walker, an early explorer, was the first white man known to have entered what is now Magoffin county. On the 2nd of June, 1750 Dr. Walker tells in his journal of his expedition coming down a branch to a river seventy yards wide. It is generally conceded that this branch was the one now known as Gardner Branch, and joins Licking River at the farm formerly owned by Ben Gardner and at the time of his ownership known as the Old Station Farm. This is the Dr. W. C. Connelley farm, on which is located the Connelley Memorial Park, where our First Century Pageant is to be presented. Dr. Walker named the river (Licking) "Frederick River", and noted that elk were very plentiful on that stream. The elk were believed by the pioneers to be more plentiful on the Upper Licking than at any other place in Kentucky. The expedition spent the night on a high ground, thought to have been the site of the old home of Uncle Billy Adams, where the Salyersville Dry Cleaners now stands in Salyersville. The river was "in flood". That river, the Licking, still floods the low-lying farms along the valley, and annually creeps over the highways leading into Salyersville. The most devasting of these annual floods was in the summer of 1939, when water flowed through the hallways of the courthouse and entered some residences to a depth up to forty inches. Motorboats were operated on all the streets of Salyersville.

Dr. Walker also told of a tribe of Indians camped at a nearby "elk lick". It was from this account of Dr. Walker, as well as from the "lick" itself, that Elk Creek, Lickburg, Lick Creek all take their names. Magoffin County in those days was teeming with wild life, and that wild life is commemorated here by such names as Salt Lick, "Painter's" Lick, Rock Lick, Coon Creek, Buffalo, Bear Tree and many others. The name "Bear Tree" is supposed to have been given one of the forks of Rockhouse Creek of Burning Fork because of the existence along its course of one of the many trees on which Daniel Boone had recorded his bear kill: "D. Boon kild a bar". Both Boone and his partner Simon Kenton were early vistors to this territory, and several trees have been found with the initials "D. B." or the name "D. Boon". The block from one such tree, a beech, was cut out of a tree on his farm on Burning Fork by the late Uncle Bill Willis, and is now in the historical archives in Frankfort. The ancient "buffalo trace", down which Boone and Kenton probably traveled, became the Trace Fork of Licking, and Trace Branch near the Morgan county line. Another legend tells, however, of the origin of Trace Fork being the fact that a tribe of Indians kept a white man captive on this fork, tying him with "traces" made of hickory bark while they went to their silver mine to get silver ore.

The Walker party, on that June day of 1750, left the Frederick (Licking) River over the Warrior Trail, which ran roughly along what is now U. S. 460 towards Paintsville. We use the word roughly

advisedly, as State Road Fork at that time was named by the Walker party "Falling Creek" because of its fast, steep fall of water, and the trail went along this creek.

The Indians, probably Cherokees, gave way to white settlers about the turn of the century, in early 1800, although there had been an effort in 1794 to establish a settlement near Salyersville, only to be driven back by the Indians. Earliest of these settlers were John Williams, Archibald Prather (Prater), Clayton Cook, Ebenezer Hannah and a few others, who originally emigrated from South Carolina. Early settlers, most of them holding land grants, or "patents" from the Old Dominion State of Virginia, of which Kentucky was one of the counties, included the Praters, Patricks, Powers, Jacksons, Salyers, Sizemores, Adams, Williamses and many other prominent families who are still represented here. In 1792, when Kentucky was formed from Virginia territory, Magoffin county was still wilderness, with few if any white settlers.

The year 1860, just one hundred years ago, was a turbulent period in the nation's history. There were 101 state banks throughout the United States, and in Missouri there was a family who would soon take an interest in those banks—Frank James, age 16, and his brother Jesse, three years younger.....Chicago had grown into a roaring center of business and Sin, and was bursting at the seams with an enormous population of 100,000..... the big Presidential convention was held at the Wigwam there, with Abraham Lincoln, a Kentuckian, winning over Stephen A. Douglas.....In a store at Galena, Illinois, not too far from Chicago, a thirty-eight-year-old clerk was working on the books; his name was Ulysses S. Grant.... The first organized baseball team, the Excelsiors of Brooklyn, was organized this year.....Football had been banned at both Harvard and Yale because it had gotten too rough.....Boxing was booming, and in London, England, before a tremendous crowd of 2,500, United States champion John C. Heenan met England's Tom Sayers in a bare-knuckle contest, which was called a draw after the thirty-seventh round when Heenan put a headlock on Sayers and the English fans rushed into the ring.

Among the births in 1860 were: William Jennings Bryan, whose "cross of gold" speech won him the Democratic nomination for President in 1896, and who later was President Wilson's Secretary of State .....John Joseph (Black Jack) Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces in World War 1, and Anna Mary, later to be known as "Grandma Moses".

Also in 1860, Kentucky had a new Governor, Democrat Beriah Magoffin, and the State was torn between loyalty to the North on one side and the South on the other. The State Legislature met that year, with Samuel Salyer as the State Representative from Floyd county. Salyer introduced a bill to create a new county from parts of Morgan and Floyd counties, which passed the Legislature, and the county thus formed was named "Magoffin" in honor of the Governor. Some years later the county seat was "laid out" on land donated by William Adams, and named Salyersville, in honor of State Representative Sam Salyer, the originator of the bill to establish the county. Salyersville took the place of a little village mostly owned by Mr. Adams, which was formerly named Adamsville. The story goes that planners of the town endeavored to establish it on the ground around Ivy Point, where Byron Gardner's home now stands, and was then owned by Ben Gardner. Gardner, however, took a dim view of a town in his front yard, and refused to sell or give sufficient land for the town. Gardner's home and store was then known as Licking Station, and a blockhouse had been maintained there as a defense against the Indians.

As the Civil War progessed, Kentucky as a state was neutral; but family was against family, brother against brother as individual feelings ran high for the

cause of their choice. Colonel Henry Gardner and Captain Reuben Patrick were officers in the Union Army, while many young men served with the armies of both sides in the conflict.

A bloody battle of the war was fought at Ivy Point, near the site of the original settlement of the county, in the morning of November 30, 1863, when Captain Peter Everett with about 200 Confederate soldiers surprised a company of Federals, killing one and wounding a number of others.

Captain Patrick and his troop captured a Confederate cannon, which was long a showpiece on the lawn of a grandson, Ernest E. Arnett of Salyersville.

When the Spanish-American War came in 1898, Captain Jeff Prater of Salyersville "raised" a troop of cavalry, which got no nearer to the actual conflict than Chickamauga Park, Georgia.

World War 1, the war that was to "make the world safe for democracy", found Salyersville's Company D, Kentucky National Guard, already on the Mexican border under command of Captain (later Colonel) Roscoe C. Adams, Captain J. S. Cisco and Captain William Phipps. Lieutenants in this company were Alex Carpenter, John (Dice) Prater, Adam Carpenter and Arba Arnett. After the border assignment, Company D went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi for training. Henry C. Moore, com pany clerk, was there commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to another company. He was later promoted to Captain. Captains Phipps and Cisco and Lieutenant Prater were discharged before the company went to Mississippi.

Since World War 1, there has been no National Guard unit in Magoffin county. At the outbreak of World War II, with most of the able-bodied manpower of the state in camps or overseas, a company of Kentucky Active Militia was formed in Salyersville, with Albert K. Moore, World War 1 veteran and an officer in the U. S. Army Reserves, as its first Captain. Lieutenants were Cap Prater, Wilbur Power and Buck Patrick. This company continued active for about two years, an was in camp at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky when the first atom bomb was dropped on Japan. Moore was promoted to Major and then to Lieutenant Colonel, and was plans and training officer of the Second Regiment. Prater was made Captain, which grade he held at discharge.

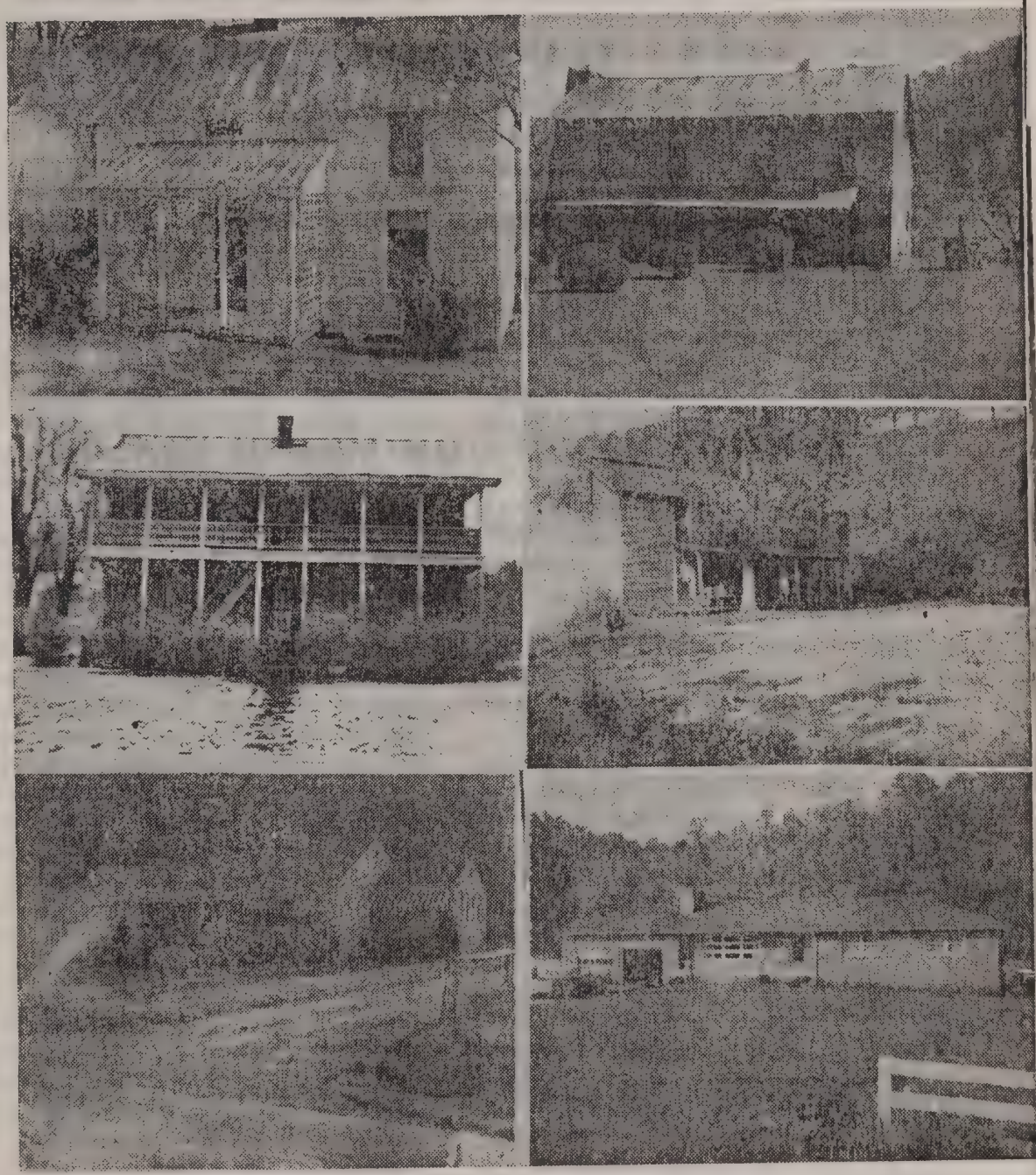
Commissioned officers from Magoffin County who served in World War II included Major G. H. May, Air Corps, later Adjutant General of Kentucky in the administration of Governor Simeon S. Willis with the rank of Brigadier General; Captain Charles Kenneth Lacy, Air Corps; Captain Homer Porter, Captain P. W. Gardner and Captain Clinton Arnett, all Army, and Lieutenants Kenneth Arnett, Millard Magill and Dee Sublett, all in the Navy. The county also furnished two WAVE officers, Lieutenants (JG) Anna Magill (Fairchild) and Jean Moore (Prather), and one career officer of the Marine Corps, Captain Charles Patrick. Another career officer of the Air Force, Colonel Francis Lee Martin, is still in service. One West Point graduate, Captain W. A (Billie) Carpenter, saw service in Korea.

Magoffin county has had the distinction of being called "the birthplace of Circuit Judges". During the nineteen twenties, five Circuit Judges whose birthplace was Magoffin County were on the bench. They were Judge D. W. Gardner, of the Magoffin-Knott circuit; Judge A. T. Patrick, Floyd; Judge J. Frank Bailey, Johnson and Judge N. P. Ward, Perry.

In addition to Circuit Judges, Magoffin was the birthplace of Federal Judge Ben Moore, of the United States District Court of Southern West Virginia, and of two who rose to high diplomatic posts in their country's service: James Bailey and James Adams.

Others from Magoffin County who have made good in their chosen fields include Hayes Picklesimer, now president of the

# OLD AND NEW HOUSES IN MAGOFFIN COUNTY TODAY



Above are shown four old and two new houses of Magoffin County in 1960. Top row, left to right: the old home on the site of the home of Judge Holloway Power, first Magoffin County Judge, at the Mouth of Rockhouse; the Uncle Johnny Prater home on Burning Fork. Second row: the Butler Kelley home at Ivyton and the Uncle Thomas Prater home on Burning Fork. Third row: the home of Clyde Salyer, on Salyer Branch, and the home of Raymond Long near Lakeville.

Kanawha Valley Bank in Charleston, W. Va., the largest financial institution between Cincinnati and Richmond; Harrison Wheeler, president of Sandy Valley Grocery Company of Ashland, one of the largest wholesale grocery firms in the region; Parker Arnett, prominent insurance man of Akron, Ohio; Cyrus Cooper,manager of the municipal gas and water systems of Paintsville; Ralph L. Gardner, president of several water distribution systems with headquarters at Coalwood, W. Va.; Curtis Phipps, dean of Georgetown College at Georgetown, Ky.; Parnell Picklesimer, who was high on the faculty of the University of North Carolina, now retired in Florida; Buell Kazee and Lockard Hamilton, ministers. Other prominent educators are James L. Patton, now assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction; D. J. Carty, former Magoffin County Superintendent of Schools and now assistant to the president of Eastern State College at Richmond, Ky.; Dona C. Anderson, former principal of Salyersville High School, former County Superintendent of Montgomery County schools, and William Phipps, former head of the Department of Agronomy at Cornell University, now retired and living in Salyersville. Rev. Carroll W. Caudill, minister of the Baptist Church, is also a prominent educator, and has held responsible positions in the school system of his adopted county of Boyd. Others from Magoffin in the Ashland and Boyd county school system include James Picklesimer, Edgar Bailey and Walter Holt Power. Magoffin teachers are scattered over many states. Some of these are Miss Ressie Allen, Parma, Mich.; Miss Janet Sue Adams, Louisville; Mrs. Geraldine Adams Webb, New Carlisle, Ohio; Miss Carol May Reed, Ohio, and many others. Other business leaders include Kash Arnett, Standard Oil distributor at Paintsville; Ellis Whitt, area distribution manager for Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Van Lear and Allie M. Howard, who operates his own wholesale grocery at Allen. Paul Arnett is a prominent architect and engineer at South Charleston, W.Va., Kenneth E. Arnett is assistant to the president of Minute Maid Corporation, which manufactures and distributes frozen fruit juices, with home offices at Orlando, Florida, and J. C. Maggard owns and operates Maggard Hardware and Furniture Company in Paintsville. Early educators, natives of Magoffin, who have passed on leaving their mark upon the educational system of Magoffin include Martha B. Arnett, J. S. Adams and Olney M. Patrick, all former County School Superintendents. Prominent among those who gave of their abilities for the educational advancement of their adopted County were Dr. George E. Moore, who held a Ph, D. from Princeton University, where he was a classmate of Woodrow Wilson, and who was the first exponent of scientific and diversified farming in this county. Dr. Moore, known as "Preacher Moore", came here early in the 20th Century as minister of a Presbyterian Church, and stayed on as principal of the Salyersville school and teacher in the county system. When his friend, Woodrow Wilson, became President of the United States, Wilson wrote Moore that he would like to have him as a member of his official family, and offered him his choice of positions in his cabinet. Preacher Moore advised his classmate that he considered his work in Magoffin County more important, and that he wished to remain here, "far from the madding crowd". He died in poverty, after having given away everything he ever had to those he considered more needy than himself. Preacher Moore is said to have stated that he had eaten every kind of meat but human, and that he would like to sample that before his death. He ate snakes, lizards, cats, dogs and anything that came in his way—but he lived to a ripe old age.

Rev. A. C. Harlowe, a native of Virginia where he received a degree from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, came here in 1908 and helped establish Magoffin Institute, which operated in Salyersville for many years as the only

school of high school grade in Magoffin County. Professor Harlowe, as he was known, brought Southern culture and a desire for higher learning to this section of the Kentcky Mountains. His pupils can still be distinguished for their love of good English and their knowledge of mathematics. He was a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, and it was largely through his efforts that this denomination secured a foothold in Magoffin County. He died in 1956, at Prestonsburg, where he had lived since leaving Salyersville. In Prestonsburg, Professor Harlowe was head of the Prestonsburg Baptist Institute, similar in organization to Magoffin Institute, and established a newspaper known as the Prestonsburg Post, later absorbed by the present Floyd County Times.

Shelby S. Elam, Morgan County native, was County Superintendent of Schools in Magoffin County, and was also a scientific farmer far ahead of his times. He established Magoffin County's first newspaper of general circulation, the Kentucky Mountaineer, which was succeeded in 1920 by the present newspaper, The Salyersville Independent. Mr. Elam, who lives in semi-retirement in Lexington, is the author of "Kentucky Through Thick and Thin", an interesting biographical sketch which gives much of the life of Morgan and Magoffin county during the early part of the 20th. century.

Mrs. E. B. Arnett, formerly of Illinois, who died May 3; Mrs. J. Oakley Arnett and the late Mrs. Carl Cooper, both of Tennessee, all came here as members of the faculty of Magoffin Institute.

Oil was discovered in Magoffin County during the war period of 1917-18, as a result of explorations by the geological team of Browning and Russell. Three major fields, near Falcon, on Mine Fork and on Burning Fork, were drilled by independent operators, prominent among whom were the Brownings, David and Iley, father and son, who established the Burning Fork Syndicate and Browning Oil Company. Fortunes were made and lost by speculators in oil leases. Cumberland Pipe Lines, a subsidiary of Standard Oil, transported the oil to market as a common carrier. Later, larger operators entered the field, among them Ashland Oil & Transportation Company, which purchased Cumberland Pipe Lines and developed much of the acreage in the county to supply their refinery at Ashland; Cumberland Petroleum Co., Bed Rock Petroleum Co., Patterson Oil Company, Petroleum Exploration, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, Inland Gas Company and United Fuel Gas Company all entered the field at a later date. Secondary recovery of the oil remaining in the Magoffin field by means of water flooding is now under way, with the largest operators Ashland Oil and Climax Petroleum, which latter company purchased the holdings of Cumberland Petroleum, Patterson and a part of Bed Rock.

Also during the 1917-18 period, a huge lumber operation was established at the "Meadows of Licking" by Canadian interests, and named Dawkins Log and Mill Company, The principle organizers of the company were Dawkins and Kitchen. A company-owned town, was established and named "Royalton." The town was made the terminus of a company-owned railroad, named the Big Sandy & Ky. River Railroad, running from Dawkins, a junction on the C. & O. two miles above Paintsville, to Royalton and thence as a lumber road into Breathitt County. During the next decade, Royalton became a boom town, with its clubhouse, its company store, a bank and many prosperous residents. The lumber mill was discontinued in 1928, the railroad was taken over by the C. & O., and the bank was liquidated. Royalton now is a fair- sized country postoffice, with little activity.

Prominent attorneys of Magoffin County during the past fifty years include: D. W., John and Walter Gardner, brothers. Walter Gardner practiced in West Liberty until his death in April of this year. John

(Poss) Howard, Calloway Howard, Newt P. Howard, J. Brack Howard, A. T. Patrick, Walter R. Prater (the last three were all Circuit Judges), D. D. Sublett, Joe Sublett, D. Glenn Sublett, Augustus Arnett, E. E. Arnett, T. Jack Arnett and Harry H. Ramey. The Salyersville Bar is now composed of A. H. Adams, Earl R. Cooper, and the three Mann brothers Arnett, Ben and Marcus Mann.

Doctors who formerly practiced their profession in Magoffin County include: Dr. George Washington Wheeler, who came to Kentucky from Virginia before the Civil War, attended the old Kentucky College of Medicine, then a part of Transylvania College in Lexington, and established his practice in Magoffin County. He lived on the Burning Fork, at what is now the Roy Holbrook property, and practiced all the way to Pikeville, riding horseback, then the only means of transportation. He was the grandfather of the present editor of the Salyersville Independent, who has heard his mother tell of the "saddle-bags" full of venison and other wild game he brought home as payment of his fees. He died in 1895. Dr. Dean was another oldtimer, and is said to have built the oldest home in Salyersville standing today—that now owned and occupied by Mrs. J. Fred Reed, on Maple Street. Two other general practicioners of the early days were Dr. Mann and Dr. Rowland. More recent of our county doctors were Dr. M. C. Kash, Dr. B. F. Dixon, Dr. Wallace Bailey. Dr. Doctor R. Skaggs (the first name was actually Doctor), Dr. Walter C. Connelly and Dr. Byron R. Conley. Dr. J. S. Cisco, who still lives in Salyersville, practiced for several years but is now retired. Magoffin County today has only one doctor, Dr. Lloyd M. Hall of Salyersville, a Johnson county native. However, five other doctors from Magoffin County are in practice: Dr. D. V. Sublett, who is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Lexington; Dr. Carl Cooper, Jr., who operates a clinic and does general practice at Bedford, Ky.; Dr. Kearney Adams; Dr. Charles Boyd Carty, who was a captain in the Medical Corps in the army after the Korean War and now lives in Louisville, and Dr. Lenore Patrick Chipman, who is in general practice at Williamstown, Ky.

Magoffin County has produced several dentists, although few of them have practiced here. Those included Dr. Ernest Atkinson, who after several years moved to Huntington, W. Va., where he practiced a few years and then became a salesman. He died some years ago in Huntington. Dr. Louis F. Metger, who practiced in Huntington until his death. Dr. Forest M. Skaggs, son of Dr. D. R. Skaggs, who died in 1924 after a brief practice here. His brother, Dr. H. G. Skaggs, now practicing in Ashland. Dr. H. G. Hazelrigg, practiced in Paintsville until his death. Dr. Fred Millard, who is still practicing in Mt. Sterling, and Dr. Forest M. Skaggs, Jr., now practicing in Lynch, Ky., who also had his office here for a short time. The only dentist presently practicing in Magoffin County is Dr. M. T. Johnson, a Floyd county native.

Magoffin County also has one chiropractor, Dr. Max L. Howard, of Salyersville.

An un-dated paper, written by Mrs. Audrey Salyer Carpenter as a part of her school work, probably about 1920-21, gives some interesting facts about the county at that time. We are using the major portion of this paper, which was headed

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Magoffin County is located in the eastern part of Kentucky, is bordered on the north by Morgan County; on the east by Floyd and Johnson Counties; on the south by Knott County and on the west by Wolfe County.

It contains 193,289 acres, and its very rough, but for the most part all the land can be cultivated.

Licking River rises in the southern part of the county and flows through it to the nothern boundary. Salyersville, the coun-

## Streets of Salyersville in the Flood of 1927

Top: Maple Street looking West. The Salyersville National Bank is shown at the right of picture. The Post Office was then in this building. Lower picture: Looking out Church Street towards Prestonsburg. The row of wooden buildings on the right have been replaced with modern brick structures.

ty seat, is located on this river.

The county was formed through the influence of Samuel Salyer, for whom Salyersville, the county seat was named, in 1860. This county was taken from parts of Morgan, Johnson and Floyd Counties, and named for Beriah Magoffin, who was then Governor.

The first permanent settlement was made on the eminence between Tone Gardner's residence (just below Salyersville) and Licking River, about the year 1800, by John Williams, Archibald Prather (Prater), Clayton Cook, Ebenezer Hannah and a few others, who originally emigrated from South Carolina. Some of them had attempted to make a settlement in 1794, but the Indians drove them back.

In the morning of November 30, 1863 Captain Peter Everett with about 200 Confederate soldiers surprised a company of Federals (at Ivy Point), killing one and wounding a few others. (Editor's note: This action was near the original settlement of the county.)

The population in 1900 was 12,006 and that of 1910 was 13,604. Per cent of increase 13.7, due mostly to the opening of the rich forests.

Total number of illiterate voters 671, which is 23.8 per cent.

Number of illiterate persons between the ages of 10 and 20 years, 528, which is 14.4 per cent.

Total number in school age from 6 to 20 years, inclusive, 5,330.

Number attending school, 3,178, or 89.6 per cent.

Number persons 6 to 14 inclusive, 3,498.

Number in this age bracket attending school, 2,443, or 69.8 per cent.

There is no high school, and about 13 graded schools out of the total of 81 district schools. There is also one private institution which prepares for college work.

Number of farms, 1,855; average size of farms, 90.6 acres; per cent of land improved, 46%; average improved acres per farm, 41.6; value of farm property, $2,617,005. The increase in farm property from 1900 to 1910 was 94.4 per cent. The value of farm property in 1900 was $375,293.

(Mrs. Carpenter goes on to list the number of each class of livestock in the county. We were mostly impressed with her total of 1, 730 horses and 1,468 mules, with 6,925 cattle of all kinds sold or slaughtered, and 526 mules and horses sold.)

There are no railroads in the county and not a very good form of transportation. The roads are for the most part in very bad condition; the farmers have set their fences out as far as possible and the roads are thrown into the creek beds. As we go through the county we find numerous mudholes which grow worse by daily use, and are made dangerous in winter for even wagons to travel through.

If the people go to work and grade the roads on higher ground, pull in their fences and fill up the mudholes, the roads would be in a much better condition.

For the simple reason that we have such bad roads is why we do not have better attendance in our schools and churches.

We do not have any church except the protestants.

We have a republican form of government, and the officers are as follows:

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| Judge | W. J. PATRICK |
| Clerk | FRANK BLAIR |
| Co. Attorney | WALTER PRATER |
| Sheriff | SMITH ADAMS |
| Jailer | DAVE RUDD |
| Superintendent | S. S. ELAM |
| Treasurer | BRANCH HIGGINS |
| Surveyor | R. C. THOMPSON |
| Coroner | JESSE HAY |
| Assessor | JOHN HOWARD |

—Audrey Salyer Carpenter.

The first automobile to come into Magoffin County (about 1916) was a 2-cylinder Maxwell, single-seater, owned by W. T. Moore, formerly of Burning Fork, who was then living in Charleston, W. Va. The first automobiles owned locally were Fords, bought in 1917 by Nelson and Boone Howard and Albert K. Moore, who had formed a Ford agency known as Howard & Moore. First to purchase cars from this agency were E. L. Stephens and E. F. Henry, both of Salyersville. These Fords were Model Ts, running on a magneto, with "arm strong" starters-they started with a crank, and used no battery. They cost the agency $306, and retailed for $360. There was no such thing then as a "usage tax", and the County Clerk had no license tags, so no license was needed. Gasoline, kept by each individual in his own barrel or drum and handpumped, cost about 30 cents per gallon. There were no garages or service stations, so each owner made his own necessary repairs, using baling wire or whatever came to hand. There were no roads worthy of the name, so there was no speed problem. The wishbone, or radius rod, of these early models was easily bent, throwing the front wheels out of line, and it was up to the driver to bend it back into shape, which was usually done by means of a crowbar or 2x4. One of these early Fords was operated by Moore as a taxi to meet the trains at Riceville, which was then the terminus of the BS&KR RR. This was during the period of 1916-17. The Howard Brothers, who had operated a country store at the Mouth of Rockhouse during this period, went on to bigger things after World War 1, and moved to Salyersville, where they operated a grocery and a Ford agency, under under the name of Howard Brothers, later selling their store and moving their Ford agency to Paintsville, where both now live.

In 1924 a "hard road", first in Magoffin County, was completed from Salyersville to Paintsville, and in 1927 the road graded and graveled to West Liberty, giving the county its first highway outlet to the Blue Grass. This road was later surfaced its entire length to Mt. Sterling on the west and Kermit, W. Va. on the east, and given the title of Ky. 40, later changed to U. S. Highway 460. Since that time, Ky. 30 has been opened and blacktopped from a junction one mile west of Salyersville to U. S. 25 at East Bernstadt, a distance of 110 miles, via Jackson and Booneville; Ky. 7 has been blacktopped its entire length, from Grayson through Sandy Hook, West Liberty, Salyersville and Royalton to a junction with Ky. 80 on Beaver Creek at Hueysville, with the exception of less than ten miles in Floyd county; Ky. 114 has been blacktopped from Salyersville via Ivyton to Prestonsburg, and the Johnson Fork Road has been graveled its entire length from its junction with U. S. 460 six miles west of Salyersville to Adele, in Wolfe county, where it joins a surfaced road through Hazel Green to Campton, on Ky. 15. These and other blacktopped roads, including the road down Lick Creek to Bloomington, the road to Wheelersburg and the road off Rt. 7 to Evanston have made Salyersville the hub of an excellent highway system connecting it with all adjacent county seats. Highway distances to surrounding county seats from Salyersville are: West Liberty and Prestonsburg, 22 miles; Paintsville, 19; Jackson, 38; Hindman and Louisa, 48; Morehead, 58; Hazard, 70 and Sandy Hook, 42. Salyersville is a comfortable two-hour drive from Ashland, Lexington and Huntington, W. Va.

# Men From Magoffin County Who Gave Their Lives For Their Country During World War I and II and the Korean Conflict

The following lists were compiled by members of the History Class of Salyersville High School, who secured their information from files of the University of Kentucky:

## WORLD WAR I:

Dey L. Allen, Harris Arnett, Denny Crace, John Holbrooks, Lace Howard, William Jenkins, George W. McKinney, William Oney and Leonard Samples.

No names of parents or nearest relative were listed by the University.

## WORLD WAR II:

These names were listed by the University with the names of the nearest relative and their address at the time the list was compiled.

| Name | Nearest Relative's name and Address |
|---|---|
| Virgil Allen | Mrs. Dollie Allen, Arthurmabel |
| Oval Gray Amyx | Mrs. Edna Amyx, Bethanna |
| Winford Arnett | Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnett, Sublett |
| Jasper E. Back | Green B. Back, Dale |
| Henry Bailey | Mrs. Mary Bailey, Swampton |
| Glenn Ball | Mrs. Emily Ball, Salyersville |
| Jesse Brown | Mrs. Nancy Brown, Salyersville |
| Earl Borders | Mrs. Laura E. Borders, Cyrus |
| Wayne Burchett | Mr. John Burchett, Salyersville |
| Berry Caudill | Mr. Quince Caudill, Wheelersburg |
| James W. Combs | Mrs. Hazel Combs, Salyersville |
| Homer Conley | Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Conley, Falcon |
| Orville Conley | Mrs. Rachel Conley, Salyersville |
| Paris Conley | |
| Edward C. Cooper | Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Cooper, Washington, D. C. |
| Paul H. Cordell | Harry R. Cordell, Royalton |
| William Herbert Davenport | Melton S. Davenport, Bristol, Tennessee |
| Lowell J. Estep | Mrs. Alafair Estep, Lacy |
| Richard T. Fearnside | |
| James Ishmael Higgins | Mr. & Mrs. Troy Higgins, Berea, Ky, |
| Artie M. Howard | |
| Carroll Jackson | Mrs. Cassie E. Jackson, Salyersville |
| Harry M. Jones | Mrs. Ella M. Jones, Salyersville |
| Windsor H. Lacy | Mrs. Helen B. Lacy, Belleville, Ill. |
| Earnie Lemaster | |
| Arthur Lykins | |
| Oliver Lykins | Mrs. Edgar Lykins, Bethanna |

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| Boyd Mann | Mr. and Mrs. Kenis Mann, Sublett |
| J. C. Meade | |
| Blane Minix | Mrs. Peggy Minix, Claypool, Indiana |
| Burl Montgomery | Troy Montgomery, Salt Lick, Ky. |
| Carl Nickell | |
| Parnell Ray Oney | Mrs. Maude D. Oney, Lykins |
| Julian H. Patrick | Mrs. M. F. Patrick, Ashland |
| Asbury Patton | |
| Clifford E. Perry | Mrs. Minnie Perry, Gullett |
| Howard S. Prater | Mr. & Mrs. James B. Prater, Salyersville |
| William Preston | Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Preston, Burning Fork |
| Carl Rudd | Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Rudd, Salyersville |
| James R. Rudd | Hiram G. & Millie Rudd, Cutuno |
| Hargis J. Salyer | Mr. & Mrs Hargis Salyer, Sublett |
| Samuel Slusher | Mrs. Anna Lisa Slusher, Lickburg |
| Daniel Boone Wallen | Shelby Wallen, Lakeville |
| Adam Whitley | Will T. & Mary Whitley, Hendricks |
| Harry Watson | Mrs. Stella Watson, Carver |
| Forrest Whitt | Mrs. Josephine Whitt, Royalton |
| William Byron Whitt | Bal Whitt, Royalton |
| Ernest Williams | Dona Williams, Bethel, Ohio |
| Hearl Williams | Mrs. Sola Williams, Plutarch |
| Gordon Wireman | |

## KOREAN CONFLICT

(These names as furnished by the University had no next of kin)

| NAME | Residence | Date of Death |
|---|---|---|
| Jimmie Allen | | |
| James May Basham | Salyersville | June 18, 1953 |
| Raymond Clay | Dale | Jan. 19, 1952 |
| Harold Lynn Cole | Tip Top | Nov. 15, 1952 |
| Raymond Craft | Foraker | Nov. 24, 1951 |
| Waldo Marcus Dingus | Hager | July 13, 1953 |
| Ray Palmer Fairchild | Salyersville | |
| Charlie Harmon | | |
| Rex Lovely | Foraker | July 21, 1952 |
| Jesse R. Perkins | | |
| Billy J. Salyer | Salyersville | October 3, 1951 |
| David Wireman | Waldo | October 2, 1951 |


# THE SALYERSVILLE BAND

The Salyersville High School Band, with a rating in the First Division, or Superior in the State, is an organization Magoffin County is proud of. The Band has participated in activities all across the State, and has always represented our county well.

We are proud of the boys and girls who have gone out from this organization and who are continuing to be leaders in other towns and cities.

The Salyersville High School Band has been in existence almost a quarter of a century, having been organized during the school year 1935-1936 under the direction of Mr. Lester George, of Bowling Green, Ohio. The present Director, who has been with the Band the past 18 years, is Mr. Mark Rice, a great-great-grandson of Magoffin County's first County Judge, Holloway Powers. Mr. Rice is a grandson of Wiley Rice, who will be 99 years of age in August, and who is the oldest living resident of Magoffin County.

# HOME-COMING IN MAGOFFIN

We are paraphrasing a passage from an address by the late Edwin P. Morrow, Governor of Kentucky 1919-23, given on June 18th., 1924 at Kentucky Homecoming Day at the Jefferson County Armory in Louisville:

"Magoffin, your children have come back to you. In other lands, beneath other skies, beyond broad rivers and towering mountains, they have made heavens of their homes, paradises around their firesides. Fair lands have charmed their eyes; mighty marts of trade have felt their power. Fame has crowned them with honor, and love has blessed them with peace and happiness.

"And yet, ah yet—from the four-fold points of the compass—from the uttermost ends of the earth, Motherland, thy children have come back to you. And their hearts are no longer weary, their lips hunger no more. For their heads rest again in the hollow of your shoulder, and around them you have thrown your tender encircling arms.

"The sailor yearns always for the sea, the mountaineer dreams forever of his hills. The heart of the Arab breaks with longing for the desert sands, pressed by the flying feet of his stallion, but in all the world, this side of heaven, there is no love like the love of a Magoffin County native for Magoffin.

"You are a garden of delight — a rose out of the Valley of Sharon, the fairest land 'that e'er the sun shone on'. Since first the eagle eyes of the pioneers beheld you, men have worshipped at your shrine.

"God bless Magoffin — it bears Thy smile. Make fruitful its soil and abounding its harvests, lead it forward in stalwart strides of gigantic progress. Give it better roads, better schools, happier homes; watch over its people and bring them peace and happiness.

"But, oh God, don't change it too much! Don't let greed possess its vales and meadowlands, don't let selfishness own its woods and streams, don't let power destroy the solemn grandeur of its rugged hills, don't let its wealth increase if its virtue must decay.

"Keep, oh keep, in the breasts of its people their kindly, generous, tender hearts. Preserve in its sons their spirit of chivalry, their devotion to a simple gentleman's stainless honor.

"And grant, grant, oh God, that when at last Thy children are called from the Old Kentucky Home, they will be gathered together, each and all, with not one child missing, into Thy house of many mansions where, beneath the tree of life by side of the still waters, they shall abide in Thy presence forever."

# BACK TO OLD MAGOFFIN

A Poem by Dr. Wellington Patrick, Member of the Faculty of the University of Kentucky and a Native of Magoffin County, About 1930.

Let's go a-visitin' to Old Magoffin
Back where the candidates are a-runnin' by the score,
Back where elections are hot as all creation,
Where we were so happy in the balmy days of yore.

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
Back where the dogwoods are a-bloomin' by the door;
Back where the cat birds are a-preachin' in the apple trees,
Back where we were so happy in the golden days of yore.

I want to see the piece quilts that grandma is a-makin';
I want a mess of sauer kraut with pork and beans once more;
I want to lick molasses from the smokin' vaporator,
Where we were so happy in the sunny days of yore!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
Back where the home folks are a-singin' by the door;
Back where the meetin' folks are a-singin' songs of yesterday,
Where we were so happy in the lovely days of yore!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
Where village life is richer, and you meet your friends galore!
Where everyone's acquainted with everybody's business,
Where neighbors never "high hat" their neighbors anymore!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
Where Salyersville's a-smilin' on Licking's sunny shore;
Where Uncles, Aunts and Cousins are greeting you with handclasps
And a-coverin' you with kisses before you reach the door!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
All up and down Old Johnson's Fork to meet the folks once more;
Where it's "Howdy, Uncle Johnny", and "Hi there, Cousin Bill!"
Why, bless me, this heaven and bliss forevermore!

I want to see the cane mill a-grindin' out molasses juice;
To see the boys a-wrestlin' in the cane stalks there once more;
I want to make a paddle and eat the hot molasses;
These are fondest memories from my boyhood days of yore!

I want to go a-swimmin' in the river by the sycamores;
To splash the sparkling water in the willows by the shore;
To paddle in the cat tails that grow along the river banks,
As I dream the pleasant memories of the happy days of yore!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Old Magoffin,
Back where there's nothing aggravatin' any more,
To the family reunion on the banks of lovely Licking,
Where we were so happy in the golden days of yore!

(Copied from "THE BIG SANDY VALLEY" by William Ely, published by Central Methodist Church, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, 1887.)

## SALT SPRINGS AND WELLS

"That salt water abounds in every section of the Sandy Valley is a fact well known from the earliest times until now. Henry Clay, the great orator, in partnership with John Breckinridge, the grandfather of General John C. Breckinridge, owned a large boundary of land on Middle Creek, Floyd County (now Magoffin), ten miles from Prestonsburg, where the earliest salt works in the valley existed. Salt was made here in 1795, and almost continuously until some time after the great war closed. The original owners disposed of their title to the land for a mere trifle, and the Harrises, the Hamiltons, and others, worked the wells, sometimes on a large scale. During the war, the salt made at the Middle Creek wells sold for two and three dollars a bushel. The wells are now in repose, awaiting enterprise to work them again."

## THE HAGER FAMILY

"John Hager and Mary Schaefer, his wife, spoke the German language...family is of the German race....their son Daniel was the father of Mrs. Reuben Patrick, of Magoffin county. Mrs. D. M. Atkinson of Salyersville was a daughter of another son, Captain Henry G. Hager, and Milton Hager, also of Salyersville, was her brother."

## THE HOWES FAMILY

"Alexis Howes came to the region around Paintsville as early as 1815....one of his sons, Wiley Howes, is a noted lawyer of Salyersville, Ky."

## JOESPH GARDNER

"Joseph Gardner, an American, went to the Island of St. Domingo, West Indies, and married a French lady. Soon after the blacks rose in rebellion against their white masters and the Gardners escaped with their lives, bringing with them one little negro slave. They settled in Greenup County, and during the early part of the present century accumulated much wealth by trading in furs. Their son, Washington Gardner, married Nancy, daughter of Joseph Bloomer, of Bloomer's Bar. Washington Gardner was the father of Hon. Joseph Gardner and Captain Henry Gardner, of Salyersville. The family has from its foundation been noted for the high social and financial positions occupied by its members. They are connected with the Raisons, of Kentucky, and the Samuels, of West Virginia. Henry Gardner served as captain in the Civil War on the side of the Union."

## SALYERSVILLE

"Salyersville is the county town of Magoffin County, and was made the capital on the formation of the county in 1860. It has a good brick court-house and jail. A good frame Methodist Episcopal Church and a school-building are among its public edifices. It has several large stores, doing a good business. Two good flour-mills and saw-mills, a woolen-mill, a large tannery, and other industries make it a live town. The town is on the east bank of the main Licking, just below the celebrated Burning Fork, the seat of a great gas deposit. Salyersville is eighteen miles from the Sandy River, at or near Paintsville. It is near the seat of Licking Station, an old fortification built to guard against Indian depredations. Magoffin is noted for the fertility of its bottom lands and its forests of valuable timber.

"In politics the county is very close, giving, however, a small Republican majority; yet the county offices are generally divided both parties. Congressman Taulbee lives in Salyersville."


Salyersville streets as they were flooded by backwaters of the Licking River and State Road Fork Creek in 1939. The water was in the Salyersville National Bank, right center, to a depth of about two feet, and was over the counters in the stores shown in upper center. A motor boat is shown in the middle of the street near the bank. The people congregated on the high walk in front of the Carpenter Hotel were busy sandbagging the hotel lobby to keep the water from entering it. They were successful, and this was about the only dry spot in the western section of Salyersville. During this flood, the water ran through the hallways of the Courthouse, which was in the approximate location from which the photographer took this picture.

The Licking River floods the low-lying sections of Salyersville on an average of once each year, sometimes blocking highways for periods of from one to six hours. The Salyersville Graded School, which is heated by a furnace in the basement, dismisses all classes when the river reaches a height sufficient to flood the basement. During the past few years we have not had a disastrous flood, although some inconvenience has been caused by periodic rises.

## MORE ABOUT MAGOFFIN

"That part of Magoffin County west of the main Licking was, up to 1860, a part of Floyd County, and the people living in there were not only bound together in county relations with Floyd, but their social and commercial relations were identical. Hence, in sketching the history of the people of the Sandy Valley, the citizens of the territory named come under the same head as those of the Sandy Valley proper, though not in the Sandy Valley.

"The Patrick family was well known from the settlement of the ancestors of Reuben, Elijah, Wiley and other sons, and of Mrs. Neri Sweatnum, daughter of the ancestral Patrick, who founded the house in the Sandy and Licking county in an early period of Sandy history, settling on the Burning Fork of Licking, about twenty miles from Prestonsburg. From the coming of the elder Patrick to the present time, the family has held a high rank in social, intellectual, material and Church progress in the affairs of the county.

"Captain Wiley married a daughter of German Huff, of Paintsville, Ky. This brave Union officer was killed while gallantly leading his men in battle in one of the hotly contested fields of Georgia. Reuben married, as has already been said, a daughter of General Hager, while Elijah also married into an old house of Sandy—a Miss Rule. The Patricks were old-time Whigs, and are now Republicans. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are an aggressive, forceful people.

"The Praters, like the Patricks, were early comers to the same locality, and have run on the same line with the Patricks. They are a solid people, and many of them have intermarried with the prominent people of the valley.

"The Powers, too, from their early settlement in the same section of the county, have maintained a high place in the affairs of honor and respectability in their section. They are Democrats in politics. John Powers was a captain in the Union army."

## ADAMS FAMILY

"No family in the section were more forceful in the material affairs of the country round about Licking Station, now Salyersville, than the Adams family. William Adams, the second in descent from the early pioneer of his house, during his long and useful life (which terminated in about 1879), was to his section what Judge Archibald Borders of Peach Orchard was to his. He was not only a large farmer, but a merchant, manufacturer, and hotel-keeper. He carried on a large tannery, shoe-shop, saddlery, flour-mill, etc. with great profit to himself, giving employment to a multitude of men. The energy of William Adams took such deep root that Salyersville to this day has maintained a reputation as being the chief manufacturing center in East Kentucky, east of the Licking. This has been stimulated by the push and pluck of the Adkinson brothers (Ohio men), aided in no little degree by D. Milt Hager, a brother of John F. Hager, who was educated on Sandy. William Adams's brother settled on Burning Fork, and, like his brother William, maintained a lofty position as an excellent citizen."

"The Salyers family is very numerous, and mostly found in Magoffin and Johnson Counties. The county seat of Magoffin was named after the representative of that name, who was in the Legislature when the new county was formed. Many of the Salyers family might be named as prominent people."

# Some Interesting Old-Time Records

We have been furnished some interesting oldtime papers relating to the early life of Magoffin County, mostly before the county itself was formed.

One of these papers is a commission issued to Benjamin F. Gardner as Postmaster of Licking Station, in the County of Morgan, State of Kentucky. This commission was dated the 4th daf of October, 1839, and was signed by Amos Kendall, Postmaster General. Licking Station was at the site of the original settlement of what is now Magoffin County, and was located on the site of the farm now owned by Byron Gardner, at Ivy Point.

Another interesting item in the Gardner papers is a morgage, dated November 20, 1848, in which Thomas Prater, of Morgan County, conveyed to Benjamin F. and Joseph Gardner, trading under the name of B. F. and J. H. Gardner "one certain negro girl named Milly, aged about 22. . . . which girl Milly I do warrent to be sound and healthy and a slave for life." The conveyance was made as security for the payment by Prater of the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars and Ten Cents, due twelve months from the date of the mortgage. No interest was recorded in Deed Book E, Page 281, Morgan County Court Records.

One of the best examples of early writing is a letter to Benj. F. Gardner, Licking Station, Morgan County, Ky. from Mason Williams, who was evidently Representative in the State Legislature at the time the letter was written, in 1843. Beautiful, flowing script, with shaded capital letters and many flourishes remain legible one hundred and seventeen years after this letter was written. It was evidently sent by hand to Mr. Gardner from Frankfort. Mr. Williams spoke of a speech he made in the Senate in opposition to the removal of the State Capital from Frankfort to Louisville, and also mentions that he had paid "fifteen shillings" for a watch.

Another old letter to Mr. Gardner was from William L. Dilworth, evidently a wholesale merchant of Pittsburgh, Pennsylania, telling of Mr. Gardner's failure to deduct a discount on one of his bills. This was dated May 13, 1841. All these letters seemed to have been delivered by some passerby, and did not bear postage.

We also have been shown a deed or patent from Thomas E. Bramlette, Govrnor of Kentucky to James Dyer, dated July 18, 1866, covering 320 acres on the Dyer Branch of Middle Fork. Governor Bramlette evidently succeeded Governor Magoffin as Governor of Kentucky.

Another old grant, issued in 1856, gives Michael Risner, Jr. title to fifty acres on Mill Branch of the Middle Fork of Licking River. This grant is signed by Governor C. S. Morehead, and recites that it is in compliance with "part of an order of the Floyd County Court".

## SOME MORE HISTORY OF MAGOFFIN COUNTY

We are quoting from a paper, dated 1934 and titled "History of Magoffin County". This history was furnished by Miss Ethel Fetterly, a teacher in Magoffin County High School at Salyersville:

In my search to find out some of the facts about the first settlers and early history of Magoffin County, I find that John Wireman, over a century ago, settled in the Flat Woods back of what is known as the John Bud Arnett Farm, just below the mouth of Oakley Creek. Later he moved up Licking River on a point opposite the mouth of a creek which he later named Bullmire, because he saw a bull run into a pond where he mired completely and was drowned. He also named Buck Creek, from two deer horns found locked together on a high rock. He found these deer horns while his dog was chasing a panther which jumped from the rock and

climbed a tree. This and nineteen other panthers were killed on Buck Creek and Bullmire, and were the only panthers heard of up Licking River. Mr. Wireman also named Salt Lick, from a "lick" located on this creek where deer came to get salt. Big Half Mountain and Little Half Mountain were named because there is a small mountain (hill) located between these creeks. Trace Fork of Licking was named because trace rope made from hickory bark was used to tie a white man to a tree while his Indian captors visited a silver mine, as the Indians did not want the white man to learn the location of their silver mine.

A man by the name of Minix located on Oakley Creek. He and his father killed the only buffalo that we have any knowledge of being killed up Licking.

J. B. Wireman, grandson of John Wireman, was in his 70s in 1934, and said that his father, Jake Wireman, had told him and others that he made hoes out of blocks split from beech trees and used them in hoeing corn. The block and the limb were split out together, the limb being used as the handle.

Elias Patrick was the first pioneer to settle on the Middle Fork. This was about 1812. He was the first man who committed suicide in this county, shooting himself with a flintlock rifle, and Steve Patrick was the first man to get to him.

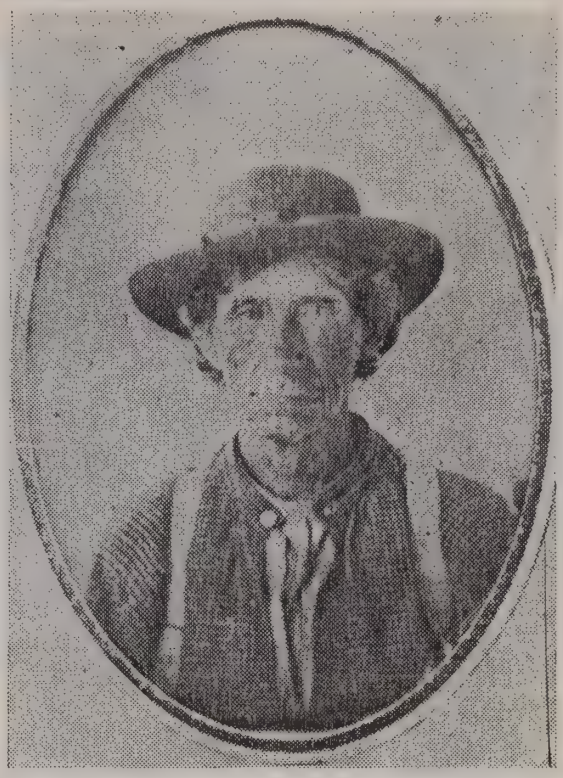
First Baptist (Missionary) Church, Salyersville. Brick colonial structure. Ben F. Caudill and sons, Ashland (formerly Salyersville), builders.

Two Arnett brothers were among the early settlers in the county. One of them, Ruben Arnett, settled on Middle Fork, and he and his descendents are known as the Black Arnetts.

Archibald Prather (Prater) was the first pioneer who settled near Licking Station, just west of where Salyersville now stands.

Ben Gardner was the next to settle at Licking Station. His residence was across the drain which was between the Ivy Point and his home. He had a store located on the point between his residence and the Licking River, and among the "produce" he bought was ginseng, which he clarified in a house specially built for that purpose, after which he shipped it direct to Hong Kong, China. He is said to have paid six cents per pound, and sold it for 44 cents per pound, and had accumulated quite a fortune before the people woke up to the large profit he was making and raised their price. He bought goods from wholesalers in Philadelpia and Pittsburgh, had them shipped to Poplar Plains (we have not been able to find where this was located) and hauled them in with an ox team over the rough trails himself. At the time of his death about the beginning of the Civil War, he was considered the wealthiest man in this area, and owned several slaves.

Another pioneer who settled in what is now Magoffin County was William Adams, better known as Uncle Billie Adams. The first record of him being in this section is his coming down Burning Fork, carrying his belongings in a red handkerchief, and inquring for a Miss Williams. He found the Miss Williams he was inquiring for, on the Mash Fork, and they were married soon after, settling on the point back of what is now the Carpenter Hotel. He owned all the land where the courthouse, business houses and principal residences of Salyersville now stand. A row of houses were built on the east side of what is now Church Street which became known as Smokey Row, and Uncle Billie moved his father into one of these houses. Uncle Billie was a descendant of Lord App Adams of England, and came to Kentucky from North Carolina. He owned negro servants, a grist and flour mill, a carding factory, a tannery and a blacksmith shop. It is said that a man named Johnson brought a number of bars of silver from Red River to the blacksmith shop. The bars were about two inches square at the ends and six inches long, very black with age and very heavy. They were about all used up before a Frederick Stambaugh discovered them to be silver. It is not known where they were originally found.



**UNCLE BILLIE ADAMS**
**Founder of Adamsville, who gave the site for the County Buildings to Magoffin County**

The Salyers people of this county are descendants of Uncle Abner Salyer, who came here about 1810 and settled on the banks of Licking River below the Dawkins Lumber Yard at Royalton. He was the father of Uncle Sam Salyer who was in the State Legislature when Magoffin County was created, and after whom Salyersville was named. The Salyers Branch, through which State Highway 7 now runs its entire length, was owned and named by the Salyers family.

The Bailey family settled near the Meadows of Licking, now Royalton. Two of Joseph Bailey's great grandsons have made history for themselves that is wor-

**PRATER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH**

**Salyersville, Ky.**

**Remodeled as a brick structure in 1959, with Frederick & May Lumber Co. of West Liberty as contractors.**

**It is located on Church Street, just across from the postoffice, and adjoins the Salyersville Grade School.**

thy of note. James G. Bailey began his career by teaching in the public schools of Magoffin; in 1897 he made the race on the Republican ticket for Clerk of the Court of Appeals and was defeated by a small majority. Soon afterwards, he was appointed secretary of the Legation at Gautemala. He also served as secretary of Legations to Mexico City, Germany and Denmark, and was Consel General to Spain and Russia. Holding this position in Russia when World War I broke out, he was compelled to travel east for safety, and came to California, where he married a "millionaire" and through her encouragement he became an artist and established his business in Paris, France. His request was that at his death his body should be cremated and the ashes scattered over the countries where he had served. This request, however, was not followed, and the ashes were placed in a vase and kept by his wife.....The other great grandson mentioned is J. Frank Bailey, who also began by teaching in the public schools of Magoffin, then studied law and established his practice in Paintsville. He served as Circuit Judge for Johnson and Martin Counties for twenty-four years before his retirement to Lexington, where he died in the late 1950s.....Rev. Wallace Bailey, a son of Joseph, was one of the leading Baptist preachers of Magoffin County, and served as County and Circuit Clerk of the County for a period of twenty-four years.

The Patricks of Burning Fork and quite a number of other Patricks of Magoffin County are descendants of two brothers, John and Meredith Patrick, or one of their near relatives. Captain Reuben Patrick, son of Meredith, was born on the Burning Fork in 1830, and served some years as school commissioner of Magoffin County. He also served in the State Legislature and was deputy collector of Internal Revenue under three administrations. He took an active part and became a Captain in the Civil War on the Union side and rendered valuable service to the Federal Government. He was a man of resolution, courage and daring. At the risk of his life, he dashed in and carried off a cannon which was surrounded by Humphrey's men, which cannon was hidden for some time and then taken to Louisa. It was later returned to the Patrick family, and was for several years on display at the home of a grandson of Captain Patrick,

Ern Arnett, at his home in Cheyenne. Reuben had the following brothers and sisters: Herod, of Bloomington, who lived to be an old man; Serena, who was the wife of Neri Sweatman of Lawrence County; Wiley C., who was a Captain in Company 8, Fourteenth Ky. Infantry and who was killed on a battlefield in Georgia; Alexander, who died in Morgan County where he had lived many years, and Elijah, who served in the State Legislature and became a prominent merchant on Burning Fork whose patronage extended into surrounding counties. Other prominent Patrick descendants are: Olney M. Patrick, with the State Board of Education for many years before his death;Wellington Patrick, who was in charge of the Extension Dept. of the University of Kentucky before his retirement and death in Lexington; A. T. Patrick, who served a term as County Attorney of Magoffin County and as Circuit Judge of Floyd and Knott Counties and who died in Prestonsburg; and John H. Patrick, who served a term as Sheriff of Magoffin County and now (1960) lives on Maple Stree in Salyersville at the age of 94.

Other prominent families of Magoffin County are: Howards, Risners, Allens, Shepherds, Neeleys, Whitakers, Craces, Caudills, Coopers, Conleys, Rices, Reeds, Franklins, Wheelers, Higgins, Jacksons, Mays, Carpenters, Cartys, Montgomerys, Browns, Fletchers, Backs, Pattons, etc.

The greater part of the people of Magoffin County are of English origin, and next in prominence are those of Scotch-Irish descent. Practically all the early settlers came from Virginia and the Carolinas. The hospitality of the people of Magoffin County is not surpassed by that of any other locatity, and our people have never been involved in any great feuds.

Miscellaneous facts regarding the early days of Magoffin County: The first school commissioner was R. J. Hayes; first jailer J. W. Helton; first County Judge Holloway Power; first Sheriff Stephen Howard and first County Superintendent of

**JUDGE and MRS. HOLLOWAY POWER**
**Magoffin's First County Judge**

Schools Isaac C. Howard of Lick Creek. The first whisky was distilled on the Middle Fork near the Less Higgins residence by Levi Patrick, who was first a moonshinner and then made whisky according to law. The first horse racing was at the Meadows of Licking; later there was a circular track on the W. L. May farm just below Lakeville, where some interesting races took place. The first meadow to be cut by a mowing machine was at the Meadows of Licking, and this is what gave that place its name. The first oil well was drilled on the farm of H. G. Arnett on Middle Fork before the turn of the century. A. J. Patton brought the first cooking stove to this county, known as a step-stove. He sold it to H. G. Arnett for $22.50. The same stove today would cost about one-fourth as much. Jack Lantern brought the first wagon in the county. H. G. Arnett borrowed the wagon, and in going up a bank his team stopped and

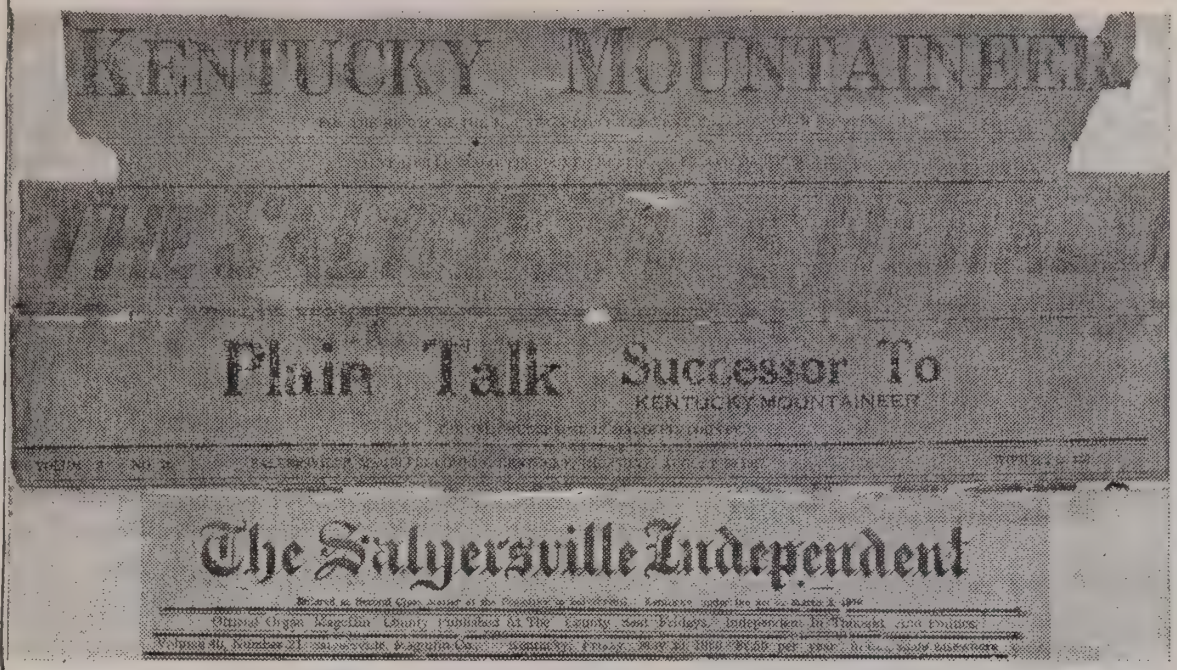
the wagon rolled backwards into the river; Mr. Arnett did not know how to use the break, as a wagon at that time was as strange to him as an automobile would be to a man who never used one.....The first threshing machine was brought here by Jeff and Jim Love of Leatha, Ky. and was known as the "Ground Hog Thrasher".....The first courthouse was built by Henry Hager in 1861-62; Sam Salyer first had the contract, and Sam May drew the plans. The large building which was destroyed by fire in 1957 was built by Milburn & Son, in 1893....The first jail was built of squared logs, filled of nails.. ..The first man sent to the penitentiary from Magoffin County was Reuben Marshall, who was sentenced to one year for hog-stealing....R. P. Fuller had the first saddlery and repair shop. He made and repaired saddles without machinery.... Sam Kennard was the first man who died a natural death in Magoffin County..... The first man killed in the county was Frank Patrick. A boy, while on his way to school, killed him with a rock. The boy's name was Lias Bays, and his father gave all the right hand fork of Middle Fork in paying lawyers in defending his son, and the boy being very young was given a penitentiary term of two years.....The first marriage to take place after the county was established was solemnized November 6, 1866 at the home of William Scott. The groom was B. W. Hereford of Lawrence County, age 29, and the bride Rebecca Scott of Morgan County, age 16.

On October 8, 1866 the county seat, Salyersville, was "laid out"by Dan Hager and Green Trimble. The Gardners had refused to let the county seat be located at Licking Station, so the present site was given by Uncle Billie Adams. The town was at that time known as "Adamsville."

In the early history of the county a peddler, one of the many who sold drygoods, notions and nicknacks from a pack carried on his back, came here, and a man named Bill Brown decided to kill him for his belongings. Brown hid himself by the side of the road where he thought the peddler would soon pass, but after waiting some time he fell asleep, and the peddler would have passed safely by had it not been for a pheasant, which became frightened at the approach of the peddler and flew up with its usual roar. Mr. Brown awakened and killed the peddler. He was apprehended, tried and sentenced to death by hanging. He rode on his coffin from the jail to the gallows, playing a tune on his violin, or fiddle, and gave the fiddle to a bystander who played the same tune. This song has been called "Bill Brown".

Magoffin County was the birthplace of the following Circuit Judges: Matthew and David Redwine, D. W. Gardner, James P. Adams, A. T. Patrick, N. P. Ward, and was the early home of two others: John E. Cooper and J. Brack Howard.

An old stone washbasin with drain. At the Uncle Johnny Prater home on Burning Fork.


KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEER

Plain Talk Successor To
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The Salyersville Independent

## EARLY NEWSPAPERS OF MAGOFFIN COUNTY

The earliest newspaper published in Magoffin County of which we have been able to obtain a copy was the Kentucky Mountaineer, published by Shelby S. Elam, and dated Friday, March 29, 1912. There was possibly a Salyersville edition of the Paintsville Herald published before that date, but we were unable to obtain a copy. Next was the Salyersville Herald, which carried the name of R. D. Sublett as editor, and was dated November 4, 1915. Then came Plain Talk, "Successor to Kentucky Mountaineer", carrying the names of Curtis J. Reed, Prin., as editor and S. S. Elam, County Superintendent, as Asst-Ed and Bus. Mgr., and the notation that it was published by Magoffin County High School. This paper was dated August 30, 1917.

Somewhere in between Plain Talk and the present Salyersville Independent the Kentucky Mountaineer was revived, and was published, we believe, by S. S. Elam and his brother, B. J. Elam, and it was this newspaper which was changed, about 1921, to the Salyersville Independent which is still published at Salyersville with Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Moore as publishers.

### The Salyersville National Bank

The Salyersville National Bank was organized on October 6, 1902, and capitalized at $15,000.

The following bought stock in the newly formed organization: George Carpenter, A. B. Patrick, W. L. May, John C. Pace, W. M. Gardner, W. B. May, Lon Rogers, George L. Peters, H. C. Gardner, Ida C. Adair, Darcus Carpenter, Jeff Prater, Joe Allen, J. J. Rice, J. F. Prater, A. J. Wilson, John J. McHenry, Dood Adair, W. S. May, D. B. Patrick, E. L. Stephens, H. H. Hackworth, June Millard, Margaret May, Fon Rogers, C. C. Bickel, D. W. Gardner, W. A. May and R. M. Millard.

The first officers and directors were: Jeff Prater, president; George Carpenter, vice-pres.; E. L. Stephens, cashier and these three, with A. B. Patrick and W. L. May making up the board of directors.

Presidents of the bank since its beginning have been Jeff Prater, 1902-1910; A. T. Patrick, 1910-1912; George Carpenter, 1912-1915; W. L. May, 1915-1917; A. B. Patrick, 1917-1918; Tone Gardner, 1918-1921; W. S. Adams, 1921-1926; H. H. Ramey, 1926- 1930; George Carpenter, 1930-1936; Tone Gardner, 1936-1944; M. G. Carpenter, 1944-1946 and J. W. Carpenter, 1946- . Cashiers have been E. L. Stephens, 1902- 1918; George Carpenter, 1918-1923; W. P. Carpenter,1923-1939; M. G. Carpenter, 1939- 1951 and Luther G. Carpenter, 1951- . Present officers are J. W. Carpenter, president; Nora E. Carpenter, vice-pres.; Luther G. Carpenter, cashier and Lillie May Patrick, assistant cashier. These, with the addition of Prudie C. Mann, make up the board of directors.

The bank operated in Jeff Prater's store from 1902 until 1912 when the present building was erected. Until 1907 it operated as a State Bank. It is one of the strongest financial institutions in Eastern Kentucky, having weathered the two stormy depressions of 1907 and 1929, and has grown in capital accounts from $15,000 to better than a quarter million ($250,000) in 1960, with resources of near three million dollars.

Hayes Picklesimer, now president of Kanawha Valley Bank in Charleston, W. Va. got his first banking experience as a teller in the Salyersville National Bank. William A. Carpenter, Jr., who was a vice president of this bank, is now a vice president of the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, La., and A. B. Patrick, one of the original stockholders, organizers and directors and who served as president of this bank, also served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY H. RAMEY

Born July 14, 1894.
Died January 14, 1942.

Harry H. Ramey was not a native of Magoffin County, but came here at an early age and made his home here. He was educated in the public schools and Sandy Valley Seminary.

He served as Police Judge of Salyersville, being the youngest in the state at that time. He was the Republican nominee for Congress.

He was a member of the Magoffin County Bar and practiced his profession in many of the counties of the state. He was chief counsel in the famous Mills murder trial in Martin County, where the members of a religious cult were charged with the murder of their mother. The principal defendant, John H. Mills, received life imprisonment. The Commonwealth demanded death penalty.

He specialized in the practice of corporation law representing Inland Gas Company, Cumberland Petroleum, State Counsel for Public Service Company, Kentucky Power Company and many other corpo-

rations. He served as Special Judge in other counties on many occasions. He was known all over the state for his oratory and persuasive manner in speaking to a jury.

He was a prominent lay member of the Methodist Church, served on the Official Board, Superintendent of The Methodist Sunday School for 25 years, and a memorial to his faithful and unselfish service was erected by the Church.

He was a member of F. & A. M. Lodge. He was married to Iris Arnett, October 10, 1910, and was the father of one son, Harry Jack Ramey.

Mr. Ramey had a brilliant mind and was a great student of law. He was mentioned prominently in "Who's Who in Law".

He was buried in Blue Grass Cemetery near Salyersville.

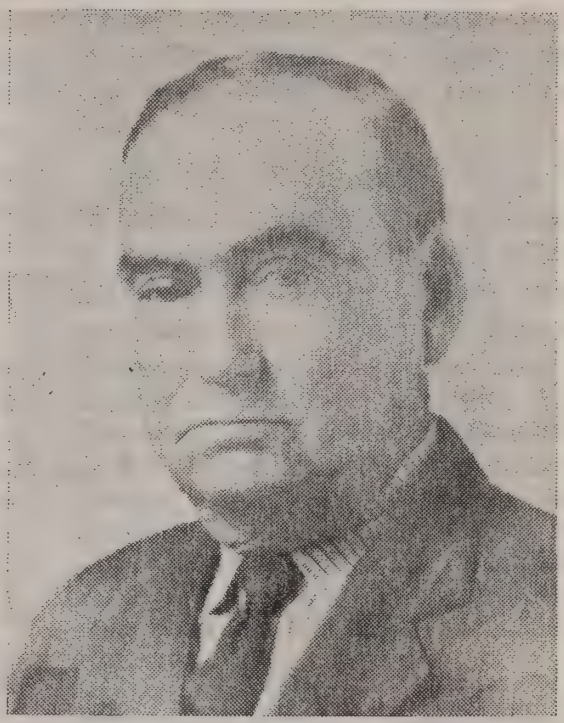
## Interesting Records

Brice Patrick, the grandfather of Mrs. Levna Rigsby and Mrs. Fannie Patrick, both of Salyersville, "staked off" and got a patent to all the land around the Meadows of Licking, early in the 19th century. This grant included all of Royalton, Gun Creek and a part of Oakley Creek.

The story goes that a sister of Mr. Patrick went suddenly insane and used an axe to kill Brice's wife as she turned after placing her sleeping baby in bed. After this tragedy Patrick sold all his holding for a gun and a dog, and moved to White Oak Creek.

Louis Reed, the other grandfather of these two ladies, staked off all territory around what is now known as Elsie including the present farms of C. S. Reed, Ollie Lovely, Jennings Reed and several others. He came from Virginia.

Mrs. Jasper (Levna) Rigsby is our authority for these two items.



THOMAS JACKSON ARNETT

Born December 25, 1868.
Died April 11, 1954.

Thomas Jackson Arnett was born on Licking River, about five miles from Salyersville, the son of Farish and Eliza Howard Arnett. He was the last surviving member of a family of nine children.

He received his education in the Magoffin County Schools and Transylvania College, of Lexington.

At the time of his death, Mr. Arnett was the oldest member of the Magoffin County Bar, having practiced for more than fifty years, and had been awarded the Fifty Year Certificate of Practice by the State Bar Association of Kentucky.

Mr. Arnett was perhaps the best known man in the county in his day. He was a great criminal lawyer, and he championed the cause of the poor and unfortunate, giving his services without fee or reward to those who needed legal counsel and gave freely of his means to those who were destitute.

He was the last surviving member of

the longest session in history of Kentucky Legislature, held in 1891, for the purpose of making Kentucky law conform to the State Constitution. This session held from December 30, 1891 to July 3, 1893, a period of 535 days. The law which Mr. Arnett helped re-write at this session is still the law in Kentucky, for the Constitution then adopted is still in force.

He was perhaps the greatest genealogist in the county, being acquainted with the origin of all of the families of Magoffin County, with their marriages, inter-marriages, and relationships down to the day of his death. For this reason he was considered without peer in the selection of juries from this county.

He was married to the late Sola Adams, who preceded him in death. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Ramey and Mrs. Earl R. Cooper, of Salyersville.

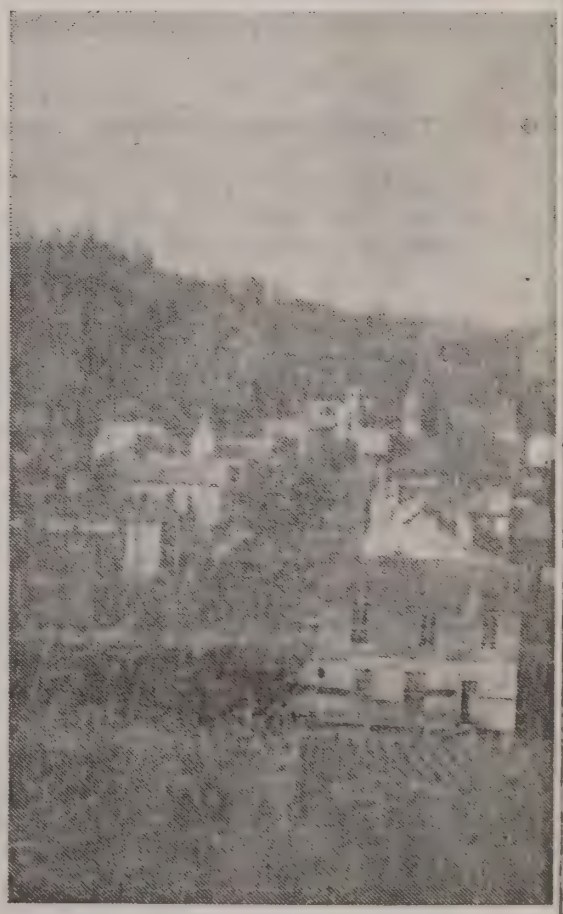
He was buried in the Blue Grass Cemetery near Salyersville.

## Early Churches and Ministers

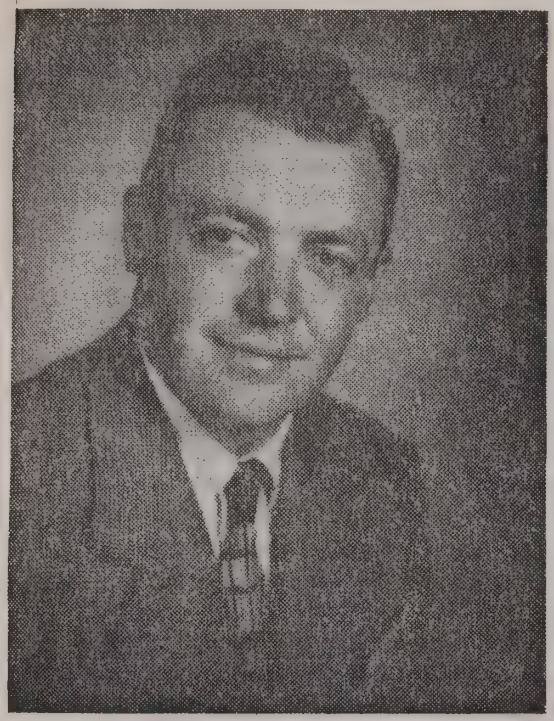
The first church established in what is now Magoffin County was the Chestnut Orchard United Baptist Church, now located just inside Magoffin County at the Floyd County Line on Middle Creek. Rev. Ben Holbrook was the minister who established the church. Probably the next oldest is the Burning Springs United Baptist Church, on Coal Branch in Salyersville, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in April, 1960. This church was established in 1810 by Rev. Wallace Bailey. Chestnut Orchard was probably established about 1906, the date of the first available records. These records are still in a good state of preservation, having been written with a goose-quill pen using pokeberry juice as ink.

There are no Catholic churches in the County. Churches of Protestant faith include, in order of membership: United Baptist, Regular or Primitive Baptist, Freewill Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Methodist, Church of God, Holiness (or "Holy Rollers") and the Christian Church.

Rev. Lewis F. Caudill, a Johnson County native, was one of the first organizers of Missionary Baptist churches in Magoffin County. In 1887 he helped establish the Mash Fork Missionary Baptist Church, serving as its pastor until 1906. He became pastor of the Ivyton Baptist Church in 1888 and served intermittently until 1910, and in 1900 he organized the Licking River Baptist Church at Sublett. He also helped organize the Lakeville Church, in 1906 and the Mine Fork Church in 1897, serving both as pastor, and held pastorates at Pikeville, Paintsville and Ashland.



Salyersville From Jack Arnett Hill Probably about 1920



HARRY JACK RAMEY

Harry Jack Ramey, son of the late Harry H. Ramey and Iris Arnett Ramey, was born in Salyersville, Kentucky, April 24, 1919.

He was graduated from the eighth grade at Millersburg Military Institute and went three years to the Seniot Military school, returning home to graduate from his own Magoffin County High School.

He enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and while serving in the South Pacific his ship was bombed and he was picked up by the U. S. S. Crosby, an aircraft Carrier and flown to Efatie, New Zealand, where he remained in the hospital until flown to Imola, California, where he was discharged.

After his return from the South Pacific he attended the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville Law Schools were he studied law for three years. Returning to Magoffin County he was elected County Judge at the age of 30, and was the youngest County Judge in the state. He served in this office for eighteen months when he was drowned in a fishing trip at Norris Dam, Tennessee. He was a sportsman and an athlete.

While he served as County Judge he was instrumental in getting a trip to Louisville for all of the residents of Stella, Kentucky, to see the World Premier of the famous picture "Stella" where our own movie star, Victor Mature, starred in person. At that time Judge Ramey had the distinction of administering the oath to Victor Mature as Mayor of Stella, Kentucky. The 20th Century Fox Film was producers of the World Premier "Stella".

He was married to Ione White of Ashland and Pikeville, November 22, 1939, and was the father of one daughter, Harryette Estelle Ramey, who is living in Dallas, Texas.

He was buried in the Blue Grass Cemetery near Salyersville.

## BILL PHIPPS REMEMBERS

Bill Phipps grew up in the mountains of Kentucky. Often he thinks back to his childhood experiences, and here he shares some of them.

Vividly before him is the picture of the big stone fireplace that was the center of activities in his log cabin home. He sees his mother's form bending over the wide hearth preparing the corn bread for supper. Fascinated, he watched her rake hot coals onto the hearth, set the skillet in them, then pile more coals on the top. The skillet had a special kind of lid with a rim on it to keep the coals from falling into the bread. Mixed emotions stirred in him, pride tingling anticipation and a sense of security in the warmth of the fire, the smell of the good food and the nearness of his mother. No Kentucky Colonel's banquet has ever tasted so good to him as that corn bread and the fresh milk that went with it.

After supper he studied and read by the light of a burning pine knot stuck into a

crevice in the jamb of the fireplace. His mother's flying needles fashioned socks for the family as she sat near in her home-made rocking chair. It never seemed strange to him that she could knit in the half light nor that she could cook such good things to eat on an open fireplace. Life was like that in the mountains of Kentucky when he was a boy.

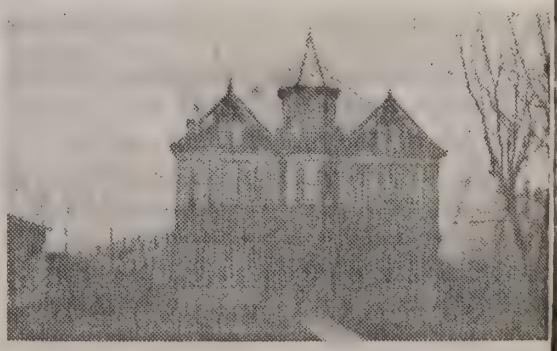
He remembers the day when he first came face to face with the multiplication tables. Nobody had brothered him to go to school until he was nine years old. He had roamed free as air learning very important things, but not out of books. The summer he was nine he was persuaded to spend a term—the months of July, August and September, in the district school. At the end of the three months he had read through the first four books of the McGuffey Readers, had learned to spell and was ready for the fifth grade. When he entered it the following July he was handed an arithmetic book containing the multiplication tables through the 10's. He took the book home and sat down on the steps of the cabin to study them. A latent number sense came alive in him and then and there he learned them all for keeps. He has never had to study them again.

He recalls with gustatory appreciation the vinegar pie his mother's loving hands made for his school lunch pail. From what he says, it was like a lemon cream filling, but as lemons were hard to come by she cleverly substituted a little vinegar. He remembers how his envious school mates, with less resourceful mothers, crowded around him for a taste. He felt important and proud.

A very intriquing story is about his walking trips to and from his grandfather's home. His uncle had been in Texas for a number of years and was returning home on foot. He stopped to visit Bill and his mother in Kentucky. Bill was fifteen then. He joined his uncle and together they walked the one hundred fifty miles over the Cumberland Mountains to Virginia. There Bill stayed and helped his grandfather on the farm. While he was still in his seventeenth year he was elected to the school near his home, so he walked back. In spirit we made the journey with him. Twenty five miles a day for days.Come evening he would knock on the door of some wayside dwelling and ask for a night's lodging. The mountain folks never refused the boy, stranger though he was. Sometimes they accepted a quarter or fifty cents for supper, bed and breakfast.

For many years he taught in the schools in the mountains of Kentucky, and worked as a miner in the coal fields of West Virginia. In 1899 he was married to Lillie Belle Howes, a member of one of the oldest families in Magoffin County. Long after he became a grandfather, and having had no high schooling, he entered the University of Kentucky as a special student. He received his B. S. degree, graduating with high honors, and went on to Cornell University where he received his M. S. degree. There he worked as a chemist until his retirement.

Though the years have been many since his boyhood days in Kentucky, and countless experiences have been added to his "Garden of Memory", time fades away as he recalls each endearing episode. He is back once more in his log cabin home watching his mother make corn bread, or in the school room eating vinegar pie, or making the long journey home from Virginia to Kentucky, on foot. Those days can never pass away.



The Old Salyersville School

# THE SALYERSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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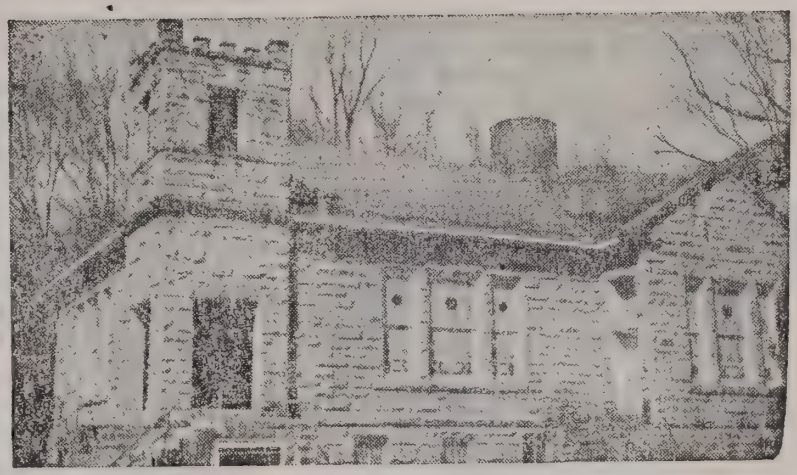

Even before Magoffin County was created from Floyd and Morgan Counties and became a county in its own right, there was a body of worshippers in the village of Adamsville known as the Christian Church, and it was duly organized as the Salyersville Christian Church in August, 1860, with G. W. McCormick as the first pastor. A monument at his grave in the Blue Grass Cemetery gives his birth date as November 6, 1844 and March 29, 1883 as the date of his death. Also on this monument is this epitaph: "God gave, He took. He will return. He was an ardent Mason." Joseph Gardner, I. J. Ward and T. A. Yelton were the first Elders, and Frank May, W. S. Swift and B. G. Jones were the first Deacons. Other officers of the Church through the years have been: D. Glenn Sublett, Dr. John Cisco, William Hazelrigg, S. S. Elam, Dr. M. C. Kash, R. H. Cooper, Dr. W. C. Connelley, Farish Lacy, D. W. Gardner, Albert K. Moore, T. E. Marcum, O. J. Williams, Ebb Henry, Marshall Marcum, Prichard King, C. M. Reed, Orlando Reed, Melvin Reed, R. D. Collier and Mark F. Rice.

It is an interesting fact that the first minister of the small congregation lived in a small log house on the site of the present D. W. Gardner home, still occupied by the widow and family of Judge Gardner. On a small lot facing the street in Cheyenne, a little frame church was erected on the premises occupied by the pastor. L. C. Prater, an excellent carpenter, did a great part of the carpentry work of the building.

The old church records show the names of most of the pioneer families of Magoffin County: Sublett, Gardner, Prater, Wheeler, Power, Adams, Moore, Patrick, Bailey, Salyer (Samuel and his family), Cooper, Cisco and others.

In 1900 the church was reorganized, with the following officers: D. W. Gardner, D. D. Sublett, M. C. Kash, W. A. Hazelrigg and R. A. Cooper, and the frame church in Cheyenne was sold and plans made to build in the growing town of Salyersville. Candace F. Gardner was made treasurer and clerk of the church.

About this time, a woman's organization was formed, known as "The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church," and it has been just that—an aid to the growth and development of the church, both materially and spiritually. So far as is known, this was the first woman's organization in Eastern Kentucky, and has functioned faithfully in all the work of the church through the years.

In casting around for a lot for the new stone church (the stone having been donated from the Gardner farm) that the trustees planned, the one offered by Jeff Prater and his wife Lizzie was accepted, as a gift. The congregation at this time worshipped in the public school house and the Court House. In 1911 actual work begun on excavating a site, with much of the

work donated and the women bringing abundant baskets of food in appreciation of the men's work. Although much money was given for this effort, still a great deal of the labor was a gift, and often from members of other churches. In 1912 actual construction was begun and ten years later, in 1922, the congregation meanwhile worshipping in the basement of the uncompleted structure, the completed building was dedicated, completely cleared of debt. The story of this early church in Magoffin County is interesting and inspiring—their struggles and disappointments and the satisfaction of seeing their efforts crowned with success.

Besides the officers mentioned many pastors have served the congregation, among them Buckhannan, whom we shared with West Liberty Christian Church, Wm. Savage, Harry Wood Grey, W. L. Bingham, C. E. Mansfield, Hondel Adams, G. C. Banks of Morehead and the present pastor, Tomas A. Dale. Among the formed Sunday School superintendents were J. W. Moore, D. W. Gardner, S. S. Elam, Candace F. Gardner, Albert K. Moore, Elliott Marcum, Marshall Marcum and the present superintendent, Fred Denney, who has proven so acceptable that the congregation will not let him resign. The present Elders are: Prichard King, Fred Denney and R. D. Collier and the present deacons Marshall Marcum, Dr. John S. Cisco, Orlando Reed and Melvin Reed.

In May of 1923 the Trustees of the Church accepted a legacy of $10,000 under the will of Charles D. Sublett, formerly of Salyersville who died in Charleston, W. Va., and with this legacy built the Christian Parsonage, a beautiful brick building situated just back of the church.

After mentioning all the splendid work of the men in this church, it seems unfair not to give due credit to the loyal and devoted women who have worked so faithfully in the building of the Kingdom of Christ through the church. However, the list of these wonderful women is too long to give here, because of lack of space.

One of the highlights of the church has been the purchase of a Hammond electric organ, and its use for church services with M. F. Rice, so talented and faithful, at the console.

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JOSEPH GARDNER

Joseph Gardner, son of George Washington Gardner and Emily Florence Bloomer Gardner, was among the first settlers of Magoffin County. He was the first State Senator from this county and at the time of his early death he was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

He was a progressive farmer, merchant and statesman and owned lots of stock which he drove down into the deep South periodically. Early in life he became interested in the welfare of Magoffin County, and was one of the original Elders of the Christian Church.

His marriage to Nancy Jane Williams, a bride of sixteen, was consummated on the farm, which was an inheritance of hers from an uncle and aunt, Dr. and

Maple Street looking East in the 1927 flood. The Phoenix Hotel, left center, and the W. J. Patrick store, right, are the only buildings that have not been replaced with modern brick structures.

Mrs. Sanford Reed, who reared her from infancy. This Gardner farm is now known as the Dixie Addition of Salyersville.

To this union six sons and three daughters were born, all nine of whom, although limited here in their educational advantages, climbed to high stations in life by their inherent ability.

George Benjamin Gardner, the first born, was an attorney and was Chairman of the Board of Appeals of the Interior Department in Washington, D. C.

John Henry Gardner was a director and attorney for the Cumberland Pipe Line Company for years and lived in Winchester, Ky.

Dudley Williams Gardner, a Circuit Judge in Eastern Kentucky and lived in Salyersville.

Walter Major Gardner, an attorney and a prominent citizen in all affairs of West Liberty and Morgan County.

Eugene Beauharnis and Joseph, Jr. were both successful business men but died in early manhood.

Of the girls: Nancy Virginia married a Presbyterian minister and engaged in educational work in Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

Florence married an attorney and lived her short life in Salyersville.

Mary, who was educated at Midway and taught school in various places and has been a very talented reader, married Wiley Gardner Franklin and lives in Salyersville, the last living immediate member of this illustrious family.

DUDLEY WILLIAMS GARDNER

Dudley Williams Gardner, son of Joseph and Nancy Jane Williams Gardner, was born in Salyersville, Ky. on June 3, 1869 and died in Jackson, Ky. on March 27, 1925, while holding Curcuit Court there. He was educated in the public schools of Salyersville and attended West Point Military Academy. He taught school in Magoffin County for several years, and was a trustee of the Salyersville schools for many years—always interested in the growth, development and educational advancement of the coming generation. In 1899 he was married to Candace Filson, of the John Filson lineage, who had come to Magoffin County to teach school. To this union two children were born: Ralph Leete Gardner of Coalwood, W. Va. and Elizabeth Gardner Marcum, of Salyersville.

In June of 1904, when barely old enough to hold the office of Circuit Judge, he was appointed to that office, and continued to honorably hold that office for twenty-two years.

Judge Gardner was an honorable, upright and just man. His decisions were rarely reveresed by the higher courts. As a man, he was affable, kind and fair in his dealings with his fellowman. It was said of him that he could give an adverse decision against a friend and still retain him as a friend.

He took an active part in all civic affairs for the upbuilding of the community. During World War I he led in all Liberty Bond drives and war work, and gave himself unselfishly for the success of every worthy cause.

As a Christian, he was faithfully earnest in his religious activities, being Superintendent of the Sunday School of the church of his choice in Salyersville. When in town, he was always in his place in the church, as an officer of the official board and as a sincere worshipper. He was also a Mason and a member of the local lodges of Odd Fellows and Red Men.

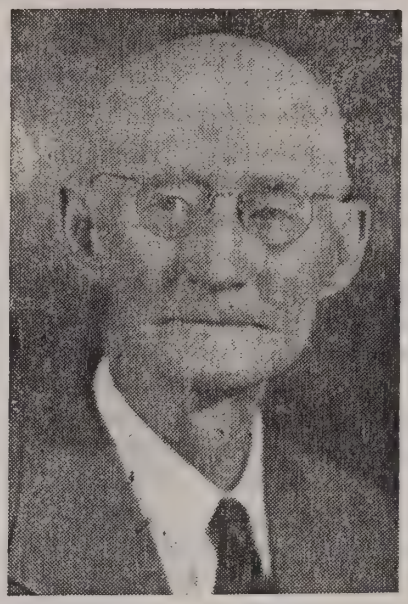
He loved to build, and scarcely a stone of "The Little Gray Church on the Hill" was laid without his supervision—a monument "a King might wish to hold in fee".

As a family man, his life was exemplary, devoted to his wife and children and generous both to them and to all that needed his help,

Judge Gardner's ancestral heritage and background was both historically interesting and romantic. His great-grandfather, Joseph Gardner, was born March 17, 1774 in Boston, Mass., and was married to Marie Therese Sophie Clotilde Raison DeLaGeneste in 1799 at Santo Domingo. A few years before the French Revolution Marie's father, Marquis Maison DeLa Geneste, left France and settled in Santo Domingo, West Indies. There he purchased three sugar plantations and hundreds of negroes. There his only child, Marie Therese Sophie Clotilde Raison, was married at the age of fourteen in 1799 to Joseph Gardner, a merchant trader sailing out of Boston. He was related to General Putnam. He sold his ships and settled

on a plantation in Santo Domingo. Also in 1799, soon after the marriage, the insurrection of the slaves on Santo Domingo occurred, and by the aid of a loyal slave they escaped to a U. S. vessel and were landed in Philadelphia. They went to Pittsburgh by stagecoach and took passage on a boat loaded for New Orleans, purportedly to settle among the French in Louisiana. The water was so low in the Ohio River that the boat ran aground near Greenup. Changing their plans, they rented the largest house there and opened an inn, which ran successfully for many years. About 1820 they moved to Guyandotte, W. Va. and then to Barboursville, where they spent the rest of their days. Two of their sons, George Washington Gardner, grandfather of Dudley Williams Gardner, and Benjamin, who established Licking Station, settled in what was to become Magoffin County, Ky.

CAPTAIN & MRS. JEFF PRATER



JOHN H. PATRICK

John H. Patrick, of Salyersville, Kentucky, was born August 5, 1865 on Burning Fork, near Salyersville. He will be ninety-five years old at his next birthday.

The grandparents of Mr. Patrick, Jeremiah and Sallie Blair Patrick, were of Irish Origin, coming to what is now Magoffin from the State of Virginia in 1800. They were among the first settlers of Magoffin County, and helped run out the Indians.

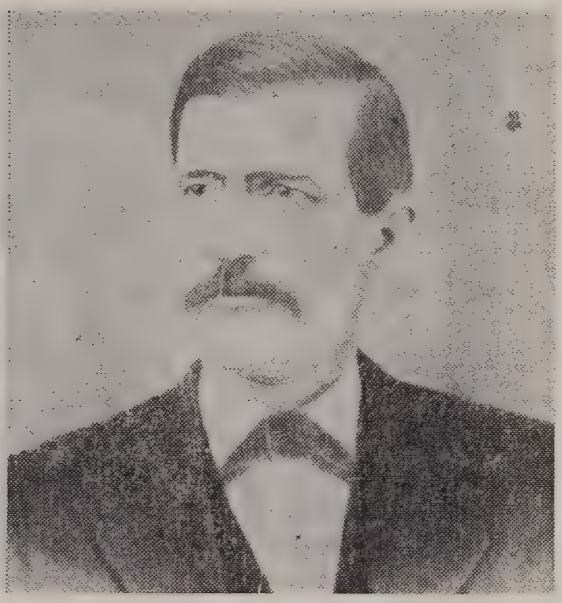
In 1902, Mr. Patrick was elected Sheriff of Magoffin County and was widely known as the only sheriff who ever made all his arrests without the use of a gun.

He has been active in politics all his life and even now is greatly interested in both state and national politics.

He has been a member of the Methodist Church of Salyersville for more than sixty years, and has always been a loyal supporter and contributor.

The Patrick family has always been one of the most prominent families in Magoffin County and held a leading place in social, civic and religious affairs.

Mr. Patrick has seven living children. He lives on Maple Street in Salyersville and enjoys meeting his many friends who stop daily to converse with him.



DAVID D. SUBLETT

David D. Sublett was born in Bath County , Kentucky. His father was a native of Henry County, Virginia, and came to Bath County in 1820, where he died in 1836. The Subletts were of French and English descent.

D. D. Sublett married Virginia C. Gardner, of Greenup County, a daughter of George Washington and Emma Bloomer Gardner, in 1861, and soon afterwards moved to Salyersville, where they built their home on a bluff overlooking Licking River (the old Smith Elam place, recently occupied by Arnett Mann, and removed in the last two months to make way for a new brick home.) They had the following children: Joseph Henry, Ben Oakely, Elizabeth Rose, Julia, Rufus Dale and David Glenn. Joseph and Glenn were both lawyers; Rose was the wife of Wiley Rice, and Julia the wife of E. B. Arnett, both of Salyersville; Dale, who died recently, was a lifelong resident of Salyersville, and was a talented printer, engraver and machinist.

D. D. Sublett had an enviable reputation as a lawyer, an orator and a Democratic politician, having represented his district as a member of the Kentucky Legislature. While a member of that body, he cast the deciding vote which kept the University of Kentucky at Lexington, instead of removing it to Danville, where powerful interests wanted it established.

In writing about Mr. Sublett, the Mt. Sterling Sentinel-Democrat had this to say in the latter part of the 19th century: "Dave Sublett never broke faith with any man,—his word is as good as his bond. As a speaker he can hold his own with any man in the district. He is well informed upon all subjects.....He is sound on all questions, and is a clean man personally and politically....He is sharp, shrewd, wiry, untiring, all push, energy and 'git up and git'.....In manner, he is pleasant and affable,—a more kindly heart never beat in human bosom.....He is a philanthropist, with broad views of life, of men and of things,—a broad man in every sense."

(This synopsis of the life of D. D. Sublett sponsored by a grandson, Dr. D. V. Sublett, of Lexington, Ky., a son of D. Glenn Sublett.)

First Building of Magoffin Institute On Present Site of Salyersville High School

The Old Methodist Church Building,

OLDEST RESIDENT OF MAGOFFIN COUNTY SHAKES HANDS WITH ADLIA STEVENSON

On August 23, 1960, Mr. Rice will have reached the age of 99 years, during all of which he has lived a staunch Democrat.

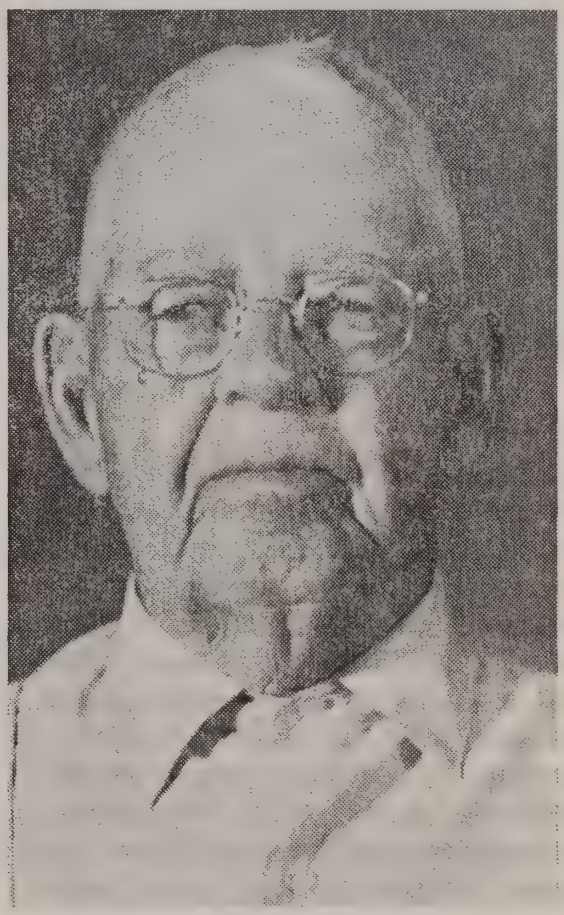
He is the son of Sarah Powers Rice and Samuel J. Rice, and the grandson of Magoffin County first County Judge, Mr. Holloway Powers. On March 17, 1895 he was married to May Rose Sublett, daughter of David D. Sublett, and to them four children were born: Scott Rice of Salyersville; Mabel Rice, deceased; Bert Rice of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Charles J. (Elizabeth) Rice of Paintsville, Ky.

He has lived most of his long life in Salyersville, where he was the town's blacksmith for thirty-five years and for the past forty-one years has operated the Old Phoenix Hotel, where he now resides.

Mr. Rice is a gifted historian, and his memory of the authentic knowledge and records of the ancestry of the citizens of Magoffin and surrounding counties is truly amazing.

People from far and wide are continually seeking his information on the early history and personnel of the pioneer settlers of this area.

(This synopsis is sponsored by Mr. Rice's three grandchildren: Mrs. Jim Barber and Mr. Charles C. Wells, of Paintsville, Ky., and Mr. Mark F. Rice, Salyersville, Ky.)



WILEY RICE

**Grandson of Magoffin's First County Judge will be 99 years old in August**

**Home of Mrs. Jeff D. Arnett, Hendricks Dating from Civil War Period**

THOMAS H. PATRICK

MRS. THOMAS H. PATRICK

Thomas H. Patrick, son of Frances Marion (Tank) Patrick and Louisa Arnett Patrick, was born March 27, 1879, one of twelve children; M. F. Patrick, Superinentdent of Schools and Judge, Magoffin County. A. B. Patrick, member of the First Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, Ohio. United States Marshall, Eastern Distrct of Kentucky. Lee Patrick, Jack Patrick, Sam J. Patrick, Mrs. Sola Gullet, Mrs. Causby Salyer, Mrs. Minerva Whitaker, Mrs. Rena Marshall, Mrs. Daisy Whitt, and Lillie Patrick.

Thomas H. Patrick, attended the University of Kentucky, and was a graduate of Fugazzi Business School, Lexington, Kentucky. He taught school for several years, was Deputy United States Marshall, and Prohibition Agent Eastern District of Kentucky, for several years, a Mason, and member of the Christian Church. He was married to Alice Scott Cunningham, daughter of Charles D. Cunningham, and Nancy Stivers Cunningham, Lexington, Kentucky, on July 4, 1904. Mrs. Patrick was a great great great niece of Daniel Boone, she attended Hamilton College, Lexington, Kentucky, and was an accomplished musician. To this union was born eleven children: Florence, deceased; Thomas Patrick, Jr., Engineer with Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; Mrs. Corbett (Ruth) Arnett, teacher and Social Worker; Mrs. Maxwell (Nancy Lee) Smith, teacher; Mrs. Chalmer (Louise) Patrick; Mrs. Alben (Minerva) Arnett; Charles D. Patrick, Superintendent with Tibbits, Dayton Plumbing and Heating, Dayton, Ohio; A. B. Patrick, also associated with Tibbits; Blanche Patrick; Roberta Patrick, deceased; and Mrs. Charlie (Betty Jo) Dillman. Eight grandchildren: Shannon Lloyd Arnett and Larry Lee Arnett, sons of Mrs. Alben Arnett; Sharon Dare Arnett, daughter of Mrs. Corbett Arnett; Mrs. Sandra Sue Dillman, daughter of Thomas Patrick, Jr.; Charles D. Patrick, Jr., Karen Michaelle Patrick and Larry Lynn Patrick, (deceased) children of Charles D. Patrick, Sr.; Nancy Jo Dillman daughter of Mrs. Charlie Dillman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Patrick were members of the First Christian Church, Salyersville, Kentucky, where they worshiped with their large family regularly.

# THE MAGOFFIN COUNTY FIRST CENTURY COMMITTEE

proudly presents

# "The Magoffin Centurama"

A John B. Rogers Spectacular

## Connelley Field June 28, 29, 30, July 1, 2, 4, 1960

Curtain 8:30 P. M.

Produced and written by

KENNETH L. ROCKWELL

THE MAGOFFIN CENTURAMA is based on historical outline and slight changes have been made to meet the demands of staging and for dramatic effect.

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# "The Magoffin Centurama"

## SYNOPSIS OF EPISODES

OVERTURE: "One hundred candles on our cake"

This is the Magoffin County story set in the framework of historic green hills—the living history of a fine community—an epic of journeys by freedom loving men and women into an unknown country. The story of our heritage begins in a golden shower of fireworks.

PROLOGUE: "Three cheers for the Queen!"

With stirring trumpets and coronation music, Miss Magoffin County Centennial, preceded by her court of eight lovely princesses arrives with full military honors to reign over the spectacular presentation of Magoffin County's history.

EPISODE ONE: "In the beginning"

In the beginning the world was born in great darkness, surviving many disastrous shocks while civilization began its long trek upward to light. Uncle Billy Adams, speaking from almost a century ago, tells of the world he knew, and makes us aware that although there are differences in customs and living habits, people were very much the same in his day. He speaks of the first Americans—the redskinned Cherokee.

EPISODE TWO: "Our first brothers"

Speaking with great dignity, a Chief of the Cherokee, Black Eagle, tells us how his people differed in customs from the white man. But somehow we manage to perceive that they were not so different from us after all. Before our eyes we witness an age-old ritual in dance, a dance of great feeling and with deep conviction that all of life owes its existence to Manitou. the Great Spirit.

EPISODE THREE: "Land of our fathers"

The first settlers in Magoffin County from the Tidelands of the Atlantic Coast were mostly farmers. Some came to seek land of their own, some to escape religious and other persecution. Some came to pursue the great American dream of expansion to the West. They brought life in its abundance of joy and sorrow mixed to the abundant land and they prospered. But their differences often resulted in sudden tragedy as well as joy.

EPISODE FOUR: "Faith of our fathers"

Although our first settlers faced danger in many forms as well as the dire and capricious cruelties of nature, they were determined to face all trials with a firm faith in God and their fellow men. The circuit riding minister was an early necessity for community worship among the pioneers. The first congregation was the Chestnut Orchard United Baptist Church, located just inside the line between Floyd and Magoffin County on Middle Creek in 1806. Today Magoffin County has many churches of several faiths.

EPISODE FIVE: "The rough road to knowledge"

Although discipline was strict in Magoffin County's early schools, the learning of readin', writin', and 'rithmetic often brought about some humorous situations, one of which is pictured in this scene. The extensive and ever-expanding facilities of the present school system reflect the progress of the past.

EPISODE SIX: "Brother against brother"

The bloody war which so sharply divided North and South was particularly felt in Magoffin County where even close-knit families were split by divided loyalties. Here we see two groups marching off to different battlegrounds. In stirring words, Abraham Lincoln tells us of our forefathers' sacrifice.

EPISODE SEVEN: "Uncle Billy's gift"

Not only did Uncle Billy Adams give the land for the present site of the town of Salyersville, but he allowed the honor of its name to go to his close friend, Samuel Salyer, a member of the State Legislature from Morgan County. Previously the town had been known as Adamsville in his honor.

INTERMISSION TEN MINUTES

EPISODE EIGHT: "Granny, do you remember?"

Granny may not remember, but great-grandmother certainly remembers the colorful times of the nineties when the horseless carriage was a marvel—and very often exploded when starting up. A wedding, a carnival barker, can-can girls, and much fun picknicking, along with old tin-type photography, fireworks and some lively Keystone cops, make this scene very lively.

EPISODE NINE: "In memoriam"

Many boys from Magoffin County saw service over there in the first World War. Some came back. Others did not. In this episode one

boy can not accept his loss until he has taken his brother home. Thus seen, we can not forget what we owe to them who gave their lives for us.

EPISODE TEN: The coming of the railroad to Royalton in 1920 was quite an event. Originally intended to convey lumber out of the area, it is now the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger and freight station.

EPISODE ELEVEN: "Oh, you kid!"

After the war, people let down their hair a little, and Magoffin County was no exception. With the advent of bobbed hair, raccoon coats, twenty-three skidoo and other delightful nonsense, the Charleston came into its own. This scene comes complete with flappers, Jazz Babies, hip flasks and jalopies. Some lovely Ziegfield girls and a young Mae West liven up the era when Lindbergh became a hero overnight and Al Jolson was the rage.

EPISODE TWELVE: "Peace in our time?"

Through the eyes of two young people we see the effect of another war—with the memories of the first still relatively fresh in the minds of the parents. An actual skirmish under simulated battle conditions pictures for us the horrors of war. Many from Magoffin County served as they had previously—and the names of the battlefields are familiar to all. Anzio, Tarawa, Dunkirk, Guadalcanal—and perhaps the most symbolic of all—Iwo Jima where our flag was planted in open defiance of a savage nation bent on our destruction. Nor can we forget our gallant men and women who served in the most recent horror of all, the Korean conflict. The Atomic bomb blast is a solemn and terrifying warning....lest we forget.

EPILOGUE: "We salute tomorrow's leaders"

Until now we have been concerned with history, but now we salute the leaders of tomorrow, those who today follow our example, as we followed the example of those before us. Representatives of our local youth in Magoffin County make us realize now how proud we can be of our children who will indeed be tomorrow's leaders. Our churches, schools, parents, teachers, ministers, libraries and civic clubs have all had a hand in making the youth of today what they are.

FINALE: "To the future"

None of us can know what the future will bring, but if our glorious past is any indication, then the future should be very bright indeed. If it is true also that the first hundred years are the hardest, then the future looms like the morning sun on the horizon of tomorrow—bright and golden. That is what we have tried to show. But Magoffin County, pride of Eastern Kentucky, looks forward with confidence. Our entire cast salutes you on behalf of Magoffin and thanks you for being a part of this great experience—Magoffin's One Hundredth Birthday.

NARRATORS:

Mary Gardner Franklin, Olga Prater Dunn, Levna Reed Rigsby, Bonetta Walters, Clay Salyer, Mark F. Rice, Ben Mann and Jimmy Mortimer.

PROLOGUE

CADETETTES: Peggy Marvin Adams, Harolretta Henry, Ruth Frazier, Ruth Ann Whitaker, Pearlie Sue Howard, Sue Howard, Sharon Kay Conley, and Lerlean Patrick.

SAILORETTES: Kay Prater, Lois Hoskins, Shirley Conley, Jolene Prater, Louetta Adams, Phillis Mae Howard, Kathleen Dunn, and Janet Crace.

TRUMPETERS: Isabella Mann, Susie Lyon, Valorie Holbrook and Susanne Price.

MAJORETTES: Linda Marshall, Vera Connelley, Brenda Patrick, LaVonda Conley, Linda Collier and Jerrie Howard.

COLOR GUARDS: (Sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 150)

QUEEN'S DRIVER: Earl Marshall

FOOTMAN: Ronald Fletcher

MOUNTED GUARD OF HONOR: Jackie Watson, Gerald Powers, Lewis Watson, Oren Tackett and Michael Connelley.

BAND MEMBERS

BOYS: Paul Lyon, Johnnie Robinson, Mike Prater, Danny Howard, Bobby Patrick, Howard Bacon, Julian Patrick and Herbie Phillips.

GIRLS: Donna Connelley, Sue Slone, Teresa Walters, Joan Patrick, Angela May, Kashetta Holbrook, Ruth Ann Hopkins, Cheryl Gardner and Zula Smith.

EPISODE I

UNCLE BILLY ADAMS: Elwood Howard

EPISODE II

INDIAN CHIEFS: Johnnie Morris and Johnnie Fairchilds.

INDIAN BRAVES: Sharon Oney, Buford Meadows, Don Reed, Jack Scriber, Philip Burton, Ronald Fletcher, Jerry Dunn, Lonnie Dunn, Jr., Douglas Tackett, John Tackett, Gerald Powers, Lewis Watson and Ben Mann, Jr.

INDIAN SQUAWS: Peggy Adams, Joan Fletcher, Pruda Hensley, Pearlie Sue Howard, Lois Hoskins, Sandra Kay Prater, Donna Wright, Suedell Minix, Ruth Ann Whitaker, Janet Crace, Sharon Kay Conley, Phyllis Mae Howard, Lerlean Patrick, Jerrie Howard, Shirley Conley, Carolyn S. Arnett, Jolene Prater, Vera Connelley, Janet Patrick, Lavonda Conley and Linda Collier.

INDIAN PRINCESSES: Linda Marshall and Kathleen Dunn

EPISODE III

PIONEER MEN: Edward Watson, Roy Push, Paul Salyer, John Mullins, Earl Bob Prater, Bill Slone, Lonnie Dunn, Jr., Lee Bailey, Richard Whittley and Francis Connelley.

WAGON DRIVERS: Lonnie Dunn and Fred Conley

OUTRIDERS: Michael Connelley, Oren Tackett, Jackie Watson, Gerald Powers and Lewis Watson.

PIONEER WOMEN: Essie Holbrook, Ruth Stephens, Mrs. J. H. Adams, Mrs. Roy Holbrook, Dovie Cisco, Phyllis Salyer, Norma Blair, Dorothy Howard, Nora Carpenter, Doris Trusty, Peach Arnett and Virginia Estepp.

BOYS: Harry Jack Watson, Kirby Risner, Howard Higgins, Larry Joe Caudill, Dickie Lyon, Morris Marvin Price, Donald Gardner, and Charles J. Mullins.

GIRLS: Tamara Holbrook, Lou Howard, Kay Howard, Mattie Lou Conley, Glenda Joy May, Sheila Mann and Connie Owens.

EPISODE IV

(The same characters as in Episode III)

MINISTER: Mort Joseph

MOUNTED MINISTER: Herbert Mullins

ADDITIONAL CHARACTERS: Mrs. John G. Arnett, Afton Arnett, Wonnie Prater, Donna Wright, Carolyn Risner and Louetta Adams

EPISODE V

(Characters: Children from Episodes III and IV)

SCHOOL TEACHER: Nina K. Brown

EPISODE VI

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS: Ollie Arnett, Prichard King, Fred Denny, Leonard Marshall, Earl Cooper and Luther Jones.

UNION SOLDIERS: Luther Rice, Albert Moore, , Ray Holbrook, L. G. Carpenter, Earl Bob Prater, Price Holbrook and R. D. Collier.

OFFICERS: Paul Salyer and Stanley Gardner

LINCOLN: William R. Elam

AIDE FOR LINCOLN: Bill Joe McFarland

WIDOW: Hilda Howard

WIDOW'S CHILD: Mrs. Howard's child.

WOUNDED SOLDIER: Jimmy Allen

DRIVER: Jerry George

EPISODE VII

UNCLE BILLY ADAMS: Elwood Howard

SAM SALYER: Glenn D. Salyer

EPISODE VIII

HORSELESS CARRIAGE DRIVER: Hiram Ely

BATHING BEAUTIES: Mrs. Virginia Hall, Mrs. H. H. Ramey, Alma Frazier, Mrs. Elizabeth Marcum, Lillie M. Patrick and Orene Denny.

LIFE GUARDS: Charles Blanton and John Tackett.

BAND MEMBERS: BOYS: Paul Lyon, Johnnie Robinson, Mike Prater and Danny Howard

Girls: Donna Connelley, Sue Slone, Teresa Walters and Joan Patrick.

BARKER: Truman Walters

BRIDE AND GROOM: Ben and Ruth Gardner

POLICEMEN: Ellis Push and Ben Puckett

PICNICKERS: MEN: Same as in other episodes

WOMEN: Mabel Brown, Virginia Prater, Mildred Webb, Loretta Spurlock, Goldia Prater, Myrtle Cooper, Bess A. Mann, Mrs. D. W. Gardner, Nettie Reed, Nina K. Brown, Mrs. Joan George, Fannie Patrick, Ruth May, Luva Connelley, Selma Ruth Carpenter, Lillie Henry, Mrs. Albert Moore, Mrs. Ben Mann, Phyllis Salyer, Eula Cisco and Opal Oney.

CAN-CAN DANCERS: Linda Marshall, Vera Connelley, Janet Patrick, LaVonda Conley, Linda Collier and Jerrie Howard.

SPINSTER: Nola Crace

BEAUTY CONTEST ANNOUNCER: Olney Arnett

PHOTOGRAPHER: Johnny Fairchild

GRANDMOTHER: Hortense May

LITTLE GIRL: Diane Patrick

TWO-SEATER BICYCLE-RIDERS: Ronald Gullett and Dixie Hoskins

MOTHER: Flossie May

EPISODE IX

WORLD WAR SOLDIER: Ed Watson

DEAD SOLDIER: Alben Arnett

MEDIC DOCTOR: Raymond Abbott

WOUNDED SOLDIER: Oscar Wheeler, Jr.

GOLD STAR MOTHER: Nevesta Holbrook

RED CROSS NURSE: Dora Rice

BUGLER: Roger Preston

EPISODE X

STAGE MANAGER: Phillip Howard

TOWN'S PEOPLE: Grace Joseph, Frances Hackworth, Betty I. Preston, Ruby Hurt Courtney, June Watson, Reva Push, Betty MacFarlan, Peach Arnett, Mollie Patrick, Ruth Howard, Patsy Poe, Mae Howard, Mrs. Sam Bailey, Pauline H. Salyer, Frances Howard and Dorothy Howard.

RAILROAD WORKERS: Lonnie Dunn, James Hassan Salyer, Arthur Whitaker, John Mullins.

FAT LADY WITH SUITCASE: Mildred Honaker.

GENTLEMEN: Curt Adams, Lee Bailey, Sam Bailey, Price Holbrook, Jr. and Francis Connelle.y.

EPISODE XI

CHARLESTON DANCERS: Peggy M. Adams, Kay Prater, Lois Hoskins, Donna Wright, Lerlean Patrick, Janet Crace, Kathleen Dunn and Shirley Conley.

ZIEGFIELD GIRLS: Pearlie S. Howard, Janet Patrick, Wanda Collier and Sandra Harper.

DRIVER OF JALOPY: Jimmie Connelley

MAE WEST: Jerrie Howard

EPISODE XII

BOY AND GIRL: Ronald Gullett and Dixie Hoskins

RESERVE PLATOON AND MARINES (Sponsored by American Legion Post No. 150)

EPILOGUE

ENTIRE CAST PLUS RECREATION GROUPS WHICH INCLUDE: Jimmie L. Estepp, Jaynee May, Cheryl J. Holbrook, Claudia Cobern, Vivian May, Ikie LeMaster, Teresa Holbrook, Carolyn Risner, Kirby Risner, Terry Marshall, John Neal Patton, Matilda Mae Dunn and Orpha Lemaster.

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Special Days—Clyde Salyer, Chairman
Tuesday, Youth Day—David Blankenship, Chairman
Wednesday, Ladies' Day—Lillian Gardner, Chairman, Sarah Harper, Nellie Carpenter, Elizabeth Marcum, Joan George, Mrs. Ben Mann and Mrs. Louise Hoskins
Thursday, Merchants & Farmers— Stanley Gardner, Chairman
Friday, Petroleum Day
Saturday, Governor's Day—Finley Arnett, Chairman
Sunday, Community Day—Rev. Mort Joseph, Chairman
Monday, 4th of July—Mrs. G. V. Joseph, Chairman

## The Burning Fork Community

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This area includes all the lands drained by the Burning Fork Creek of Licking River. Burning Fork Creek was named for a Burning Spring four miles from Salyersville on Kentucky Highway No. 114 and was formerly an object of curious interest.

In 1865 during the great oil fever, some parties bored for oil near the spring, and its burning almost ceased. Perrin in his history of Kentucky (Seventh Edition 1887 states "The Burning Spring is one of the natural wonders of Floyd County. It is situated about seventeen miles from Prestonsburg, and constantly emits a heavy, thick and sulphureous vapor which ignites upon the application of fire. This rather strange phenomen imbued with the superstitions among the pioneers that the fire spring was a by-way to Sheol."

The land on which the spring was located belonged to Mr. Billy Hurt for a short period, and then for many years to Meredith Patrick and his descendants and at present the land is owned by Raleigh Salyer. My father, Dona C. Patrick, told me the spring was about six feet in diameter, and that it had flames about its edges before 1900, because he, with his brother-in-law, Dennis B. Patrick, and others, brought their apples and peaches and supported them on a scaffold over the spring for the flames to dry. He also said that all burning ceased about this spring in 1900 when Mr. Menifee F. Patrick and others drilled a gas well forty feet from the spring. The gas well was a good producer and later supplied gas for Salyersville.

William Patrick came to the Burning Springs community (Floyd County, Kentucky) with his six sons from Russell County, Virginia in 1809. His wife, Molly

Rains may have died on the road to the new country, since from that time she has been lost to history. William Patrick was a soldier in the war of 1812 and participated in the battle of Norfolk against the British. His father, Jeremiah Patrick, whose wife was Sarah Blair (married in Maryland about 1760), came to Floyd County in 1813 and settled on the Middle Fork of Licking River where he lived with his grandson, Reuben Patrick, on the farm known today as having belonged to a Mr. Etheridge Dyer.

The six sons of William Patrick were:

(1) John Patrick settled on lower Burning Fork Creek and was the grandfather of John H. and Dona C. Patrick, former sheriffs of Magoffin County.

(2) Meredith Patrick lived near the Burning Spring and was the father of Elijah Patrick, Kentucky State Senator 1863-1867, and Reuben Patrick, Kentucky House of Representatives 1863-1867, great-grandfather of our present County Attorney, Arnett Mann.

(3) Jeremiah Patrick II and

(4) Richard Patrick lived on Licking River near Royalton, Kentucky.

(5) Reuben Patrick lived on Middle Fork of Licking River and was an ancestor of our present County Judge, Ray Holbrook, and present Sheriff, Roy Holbrook.

(6) William Patrick II lived on Burning Fork Creek near Ivyton, Kentucky and was the grandfather of a former Magoffin County sheriff, Mr. Oliver Patrick.

From tradition handed down in the Patrick family, Jeremiah Patrick and his wife, Sarah, migrated from Maryland, down through the valley of Virginia to Harrisonburg where their son, William, was born, and thence to Burke's Garden in Tazewell County, Virginia. According to public records, in 1765 the Jeremiah Patrick family was in Montgomery County, Virginia, and later left the New River Valley for Russell County, Virginia. As these pioneers moved westward they cleared the wilderness and fought the Indians. They struggled with all the hardships of the frontier that their children might have opportunities for better homes, freedom of worship and education.

"Eternal life is theirs throughout the years and time declares their immortality."

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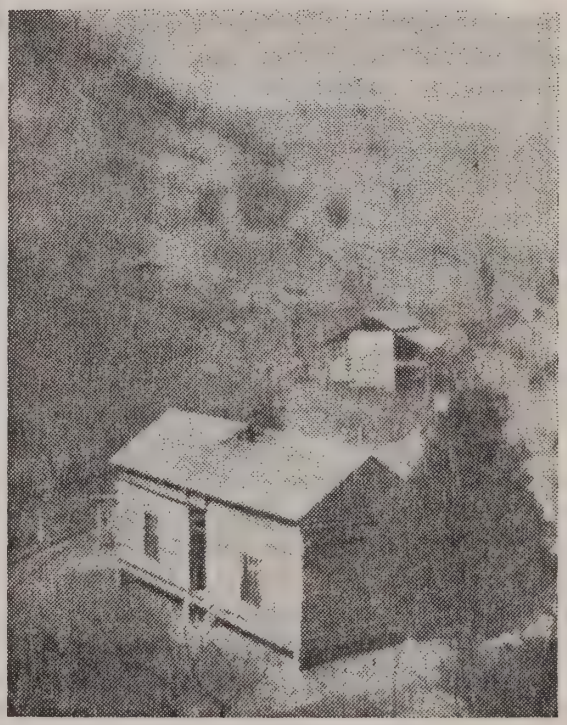

The old log house on Mash Fork, built by Ephraim Helton in 1884 from logs handhewed by Ephraim and his brother Will. Ephraim and Abbie, his wife had two children, Mrs. Lizzie Reid and Mrs. Curtis Preston. After Ephraim's death his widow married Frank Kazee and had four sons: Buell, Powell, Lonnie and Lloyd Kazee. During the oil boom in 1918 she kept boarders to help educate her children. Buell is a Baptist minister in Lexington, Lonnie, principal of an Indiana school, and Powell a farmer on Mash Fork, while Lloyd died some years ago. Mrs. Preston, who now lives on Burning Fork, is the owner of the old home, which she has since remodeled.

JOHN and GRACE HOWARD

Residents of Magoffin County

## "Justice Tempered With Mercy"

(From a clipping taken from an early issue of The Independent and loaned us by Miss Uhla Salyer)

(We are indebted to Attorney Walter R. Prater for the following interesting account of the first case tried in Magoffin County. This anecdote was furnished to Rev. Wm. Savage, who is working on the Federal Writers' Project.)

A bill was introduced in the General Assembly of Kentucky, at its regular session in 1859 (?) by Samuel Salyer which was enacted into law creating Magoffin County out of portions of Floyd and Morgan Counties. Floyd County extended to the bridge spanning State Road Fork of Licking River near the Missionary Baptist Church at Salyersville. A village, known as Adamsville, then consisted of a group of log houses extending from the New Carpenter Hotel to the State Road Bridge. This group, known as the "Smokey Row", constituted the residential section of the town. William Adams who was one of the pioneer settlers of Magoffin County, was the proprietor of the Tannery and Grist and Saw Mill which accommodated several Eastern Kentucky counties, was a large land owner in and around the town. The town was originally named for him, Adamsville.

After the county was created, the town, which was made the County Seat, was changed to Salyersville, in honor of Sameul Salyer who, as representative, introduced the bill creating the county.

William Adams donated the Public Square to the county, which was surveyed and staked off, and in 1860 the County Government was organized with Holloway Powers as its first County Judge, Arch Cooper the first County Attorney and Short Tom Prater the first Justice of the Peace of Magisterial District Number One, including Salyersville.

The first Curcuit Court in the County

was held on the front porch of William Adams' home, no court house having been erected at that time. The first trial was that of a man on a charge of petit larceny instituted against him by his brother, accusing him of stealing an ax. The "Whipping Post" was the penalty prescribed by the law at that time for petit larceny. At the trial of this case the defendant was convicted. The judgment appears in Order Book One in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Magoffin County. The same is in long hand in the handwriting of John Tom Hazelrigg, Editor of the Licking Valley Scorcher, a newspaper edited at West Liberty, and who was likewise a lawyer riding the circuits. He was the father-in-law of Judge E. C. O'Rear, for many years Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. It was under his tutorship Judge O'Rear studied for the bar, and married

his daughter.

The judgment referred to recites the conviction of the defendant by the jury and provides that "The Sheriff of Magoffin County will, on the 7 day of May, 1860, in the Town of Salyersville, late Adamsville, Ky., and on the public square of the aforesaid town, and between the hours of sun rise and sun set execute the within judgment by delivering five lashes to the naked back of the defendant, well and truly laid on."

Uncle Charley Minix, one of the jurors who tried and convicted the defendant, was a spectator at the execution of the judgment. A group of people surrounded the defendant and his shirt was drawn over his head and his back bared as he stood in a stooping position. Wiley Coffee, the deputy sheriff officiating, struck him one stroke across the naked back. Uncle Charley, who was likewise in a stooping position with his hands on his knees, straightened up and said: "By damn, Wile, strike him light."

The writer of this historical synopsis of the early days of Magoffin County and her people is indebted to many people for parts of the material used. To all these people, too numerous to mention here, we extend our thanks and appreciation. We realize that, because of the relative shortage of

space, we have been unable to cover many of the important families of our County and many interesting happenings of the past century. For this we are sorry, but we hope that we have given you an interesting, readable and mostly factual account of the origin, establishment and growth of Magoffin County.

May he who sketches our history 100 years from now find our posterity enjoying the proud privileges that we do today, and may our national government be then what it is today—the grandest, proudest structure of civil and religious freedom that adorns the earth, and may our nation remain "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR LAST THREE DAYS

Governors Day, Friday, JULY 1, 1960, Finley Arnett, Chairman

9:30 a.m. Bells Ring, Sirens Blow

10:00 a.m. Guest and friends register at Centennial Hospitality Center.

10:15 a.m. Live radio interviews of dignitaries and former residents.

10:30 a.m. Parade and promenade of Centennial Belles and Brothers of the Brush accompanied by band.

11:00 a.m. Dedication of Magoffin County Court House by our illustrious Lt. Governor of Kentucky. The Honorable Wilson W. Wyatt.

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Visit city and view historical windows, Midway opens

3:00 p.m. Kangeroo Court—Brothers of Brush

3:45 p.m. Kangeroo Court—Centennial Belles

4:30 p.m. Visit old friends and meet new ones.

5:30 p.m. Dinner—take wife, guests and friends out tonight. Get them in a festive mood then hurry to the Connelley Farm.

7:30 p.m. Band concert at Connelley Farm.

8:30 p.m. Don't miss the fourth performance of the greatest show in Kentucky "Magoffin Countys First Century".

Petroleum Day SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1960 Jerry George, Chairman

9:00 a.m. Sirens, Bells ring registration of guests at hospitality center.

9:45 a.m. Parade and Promenade

10:00 a.m. Live interviews on radio of former residents. Parade of old & new oil drilling equipment.

10:15 a.m. Visit interesting displays of our largest supporting industry in Magoffin County.

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Visit historical windows in our town and be a good neighor, visit with old friends and make new ones. Visit midway.

2:00 p.m. Burying the Time Capsule.

3:00 p.m. Parade and promenade by Centennial Belles and Brothers of Brush.

4:00 p.m. Horseshoe pitching contest for men. Brothers of Brush vs Clean Shaven Scally Wags.
Badminton for Centennial Belles vs Ladies Good Clean Gossipers Society.

7:30 p.m. Band concert at Connelley Farm.

8:00 p.m. Remington Rand Shaving Contest.

8:30 p.m. Fifth performance of the most moving and exciting pageant—spectacular "Magoffin Countys First Century".

9:00 p.m. Queens Ball

Community Day, SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1960 Rev. Morton Joseph, Chairman

10:00 a.m. Bring family, friends and all visitors to Connelley Farm also bring Basket Lunch.

10:30 a.m. Start singing also special singers.

11:30 a.m. Rev. Morton Joseph will bring welcome address.

12:00 noon Picnic with family, friends and neighbors. All visitors are cordially invited to join in.

1:30 p.m. Band Concert at Connelley Farm.

2:00 p.m. Introduction of our distinguished guest. The President of Eastern Kentuckys Senior Institution of Higher Education, Morehead State College. A noted leader in education throughout the southeastern United States as well as a civic and religious leader. The Honorable Dr. Adron Doran.

3:00 p.m. Introduction of former residents and guests.

3:30 p.m. Group singing and special singers.

6:45 p.m. Benediction by Rev. Raymond Abbott.

7:00 p.m. Go to the Church of your choice.

Patrotic Day, MONDAY, JULY 4, 1960, Mrs. G. V. Joseph, Chairman.

9:00 a.m. Sirens, Bells ring registration of guests at hospitility center. Assemble Parade. Raise Flag.

10:00 a.m. Mamouth Fourth of July parade with horse drawn carriages, horseless carriages, Bands, you name it, we have it.

12:00 noon Short Lunch (maybe)

1:00 p.m. Coon on Log Contest. Under direction of Preston. Adams and Mann.

2:30 p.m. Coon Dog Water Race. Under direction of Preston, Adams and Mann.

4:00 p.m. Greasy Pole Climbing. Under direction of King and Holderby.

4:30 p.m. Saddle Horse Contest. Under direction of Connelley and May.

5:00 p.m. Fat Mans Race. Under direction of O. J. Arnett.

5:15 p.m. Fat Women's Race. Under direction of O. J. Arnett.

5:30 p.m. Cracker Eating Contest. Under direction of O. J. Arnett.

6:00 p.m. Hog Calling Contest. Under direction of P. Holbrook.

6:15 p.m. Cow Calling Contest. Under direction of P. Holbrook.

6:30 p.m. String Music and Hoe Down Dancing Under direction of G. Salyers.

7:30 p.m. Band concert at Connelley Farm.

8:00 p.m. Brothers of the Brush and Centennial Belles Awards.

8:30 p.m. "Magoffin Countys First Century" The sixth and last performance of the greatest show ever presented in Magoffin. This pageant certainly will bring back many memorys to the older citizens of Eastern Kentucky and will leave the younger generation with many memories to cherish throughout their long life.

10:00 p.m. The largest fireworks display that has ever been presented in Magoffin County. We are going to shoot the works, a factory representative will accompany the fireworks here and supervise their display. Come to Magoffin County for the biggest and best Fourth of July in the country. At the Connelley Farm Park.

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